

HOMES FOR THE HOMELESS.

Uncle Sam's Broad Acres in This State Still Unsettled.

HOMESTEADS, TIMBER, MINES.

A Chance for the Industrious Immigrant—Where the Vacant Lands Lie—Thousands of Acres Unsurveyed—The Requirements Which Are Demanded by the Government From the Settler on Lands.

THE government of the United States has 3,920,000 acres of land in the state of Washington, wholly or partially unsettled. Of this land 1,721,129 acres have been surveyed and a small portion of these surveyed tracts have been settled and will in due time pass into the hands of owners under the homestead, mining, timber claim or other provisions of the land law which give to settlers a title to government lands without purchase in money.

The 440,827 acres of government land in the state which are unsurveyed, are open to settlement and in these vast tracts are some of the most valuable timber, mining, grazing and farming lands in the whole Northwest country. Just now there is a decided movement in immigration to the Northwest, and Washington so far has been getting its share of the newcomers who are hunting homes. During the past year, except among the pioneer parties from Indiana and Illinois have arrived in Seattle and branched out over the state prospecting. The new comers are not seeking wealth from mines, but hope to dig it out of the ground for all the creating farms and orchards. Some few immigrants from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan and other Northern states, have come to the Northwest coast. In search of timber lands while many men from all over the land beyond the mountains who had the Klondike fever a year ago, have found prospects sufficiently good in this state to keep them here and are now mining.

It is no small army that has come into Washington within the past twelve months, but they have come in little bands, quietly and, hence, have created no excitement and but little general interest in the matter except among the railway people. The railroad companies are largely responsible for the immigration movement. All the companies having lines in this state and several other railroads which have no direct connection with the Pacific coast, own thousands of acres of land of all kinds in Washington. The railroads doing business here received their lands as grants when they built their roads. The outside companies receive the lands by contract in this state, in exchange for lands given them by the government in other states and then, being needed by Uncle Sam, were confiscated and northwest lands given in payment.

It is fair to presume that a majority of the newcomers to Washington, come to buy railroad lands and have probably contracted for farms or other claims before leaving home. They will all, in all probability be settling on either tracts in the "odd sections" owned by the roads and become permanent residents.

But there are hundreds of others back East who have no money to buy lands, no matter how rich the soil and how cheap the price. They have as a capital brain and muscle and knowledge of farming, etc. Back East they have been for years renting farms, paying either in cash or crop for the privilege of tilling some other man's ground. These people would only be too willing to take a chance where they could exchange hard work and a knowledge of farming, horticulture, viticulture, stock raising or even the handling of timber for the land they control. In this state, in exchange for lands given them by the government in other states and then, being needed by Uncle Sam, were confiscated and northwest lands given in payment.

It is to this class that the chance to take up government land will appeal and the Chamber of Commerce and other bodies interested in the upbuilding of the state are to be asked to put all available information concerning government lands open to settlement in Washington in such shape as will give the Eastern homeseeker definite and reliable information regarding the opportunities offered in this state to earn a home.

Washington's Fine Land. In a general way it can be stated that the government lands unsettled and unsurveyed in Washington will compare favorably with the lands offered by any other state in the West. A brief resume of the amount of government land and its character as well as its location is given in the following summary which, with the map accompanying this article, will aid those who have friends in the East who want to earn homes, in arriving at some definite idea as to where they can find such land as they desire. Only the character of the government lands is described. Some of the poor reservations are in the midst of most fertile country.

In Skamania county there is 22,320 acres of land, mostly timber land. About 40,000 acres have been surveyed and taken up. Wahkiakum county has 12,800 acres of timber land, all surveyed and mostly located. Asotin county has 24,154 acres, mostly mountain land, but little timber. Columbia county has 186,329 acres, mostly mountain, some good timber and good farming land. About 35,000 acres surveyed. Franklin county, 304,172 acres, prairie lands, grazing, farming, no timber. All surveyed. Garfield county, 128,670 acres; farming land; 30,000 acres surveyed. Walla Walla county, 125,073 acres; grazing, farming and timber; all surveyed. Okanogan county, 2,162,282 acres; mountainous, timber and farming lands; 642,000 acres surveyed. Jefferson county, 29,206 acres; broken country, some timber; 2,100 acres surveyed. Chelan county, 22,118 acres; mountainous, timber; 25,000 acres surveyed. King county, 53,143 acres; mountainous, timber; about 15,000 acres surveyed; some good timber lands. Kitsap county, 678 acres; mountainous, timber; all surveyed. Lewis county, 38,840 acres; mostly mountainous; some farming land; about 50,000 acres surveyed. Mason county, 19,085 acres; some agricultural land; 15,000 acres surveyed. Pacific county, 129,044 acres; mountainous, timber and agricultural lands; 45,000 acres surveyed. Pierce county, 41,200 acres; timber land; 7,000 acres surveyed. In Other Counties. Thurston county, 18,855 acres; timber land; 6,700 acres surveyed. Clallam county, 46,492 acres; broken

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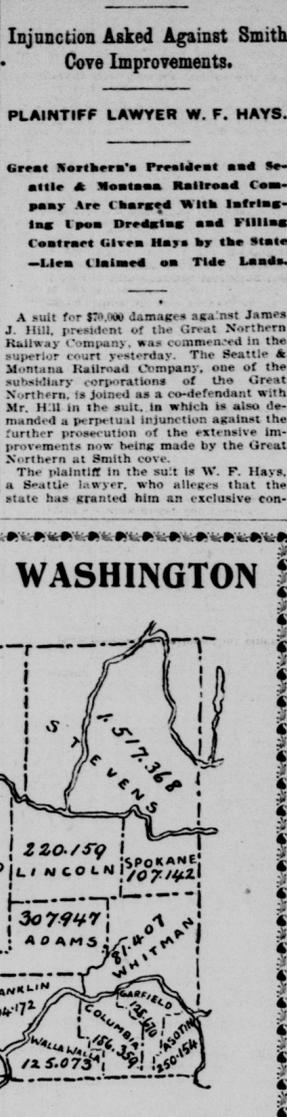
Injunction Asked Against Smith Cove Improvements.

PLAINTIFF LAWYER W. F. HAYS. North of Smith cove.

Great Northern's President and Seattle & Montana Railroad Company Are Charged With Infringing Upon Dredging and Filling Contract Given Hays by the State—Lien Claimed on Tide Lands.

A suit for \$70,000 damages against James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway Company, was commenced in the superior court yesterday. The Seattle & Montana Railroad Company, one of the subsidiary corporations of the Great Northern, is joined as a co-defendant with Mr. Hill in the suit, in which is also demanded a perpetual injunction against the further prosecution of the extensive improvements now being made by the Great Northern at Smith cove. The plaintiff in the suit is W. F. Hays, a Seattle lawyer, who alleges that the state has granted him an exclusive con-

UNSETTLED PUBLIC LANDS IN WASHINGTON



THE figures marked in the above map show the total number of acres of government land, surveyed and unsurveyed, in each county in the state. All these lands are open to settlement by bona fide immigrants. They consist of farming, grazing and timber lands, with large areas of valuable mining claims.

Steps to Be Taken by a Person Who Wants a Home.

In arranging for the entry of government land, the settler must first locate the homestead or claim that he wants to take up. As the most common mode of settlement is in certain well defined districts, the homestead, and as all homesteads are supposed to be in whole or in part agricultural lands, a description of the steps necessary to secure such a claim is first given. The settler having found the land, usually a 160-acre tract, that he wants he calls at the land office of the district in which it is situated and makes application for a homestead. In this application he swears that he has carefully examined the land that it is non-mineral in character, and if timbered, that it is agricultural land when cleared and cultivated. He swears that he is at least 21 years of age, or the head of a family if not so old; that he is a native of the United States or has declared his intention of becoming a citizen of this country; that he wants the land for the purpose of making a home upon it, and not for the purpose of speculation or merely to acquire title to the land. The land office receives this application, and if the lands are surveyed and subject to entry it is granted and filed, the

How to Get Railroad Land.

Various Kinds of Offers to Intending Settlers Here. The Northern Pacific has thousands of acres of land scattered all over Western Washington, which is open to settlement on easy terms of land. The lands consist of the best agricultural, timber, fruit and grazing land to be found in the West, and is nearly all easily accessible to surrounding towns, cities and railroads. The price of agricultural land in this state, as a rule, is from \$1 to \$10 an acre, and grazing land from \$1 to \$2 an acre. When lands are purchased on the year's time, one-sixth cash is required at time of purchase, and the balance in five equal annual payments, with interest at 6 per cent per annum. Actual settlers may purchase not to exceed 25 acres of agricultural land on ten years' time at 6 per cent interest, paying one-fifth at time of purchase and the balance in five equal annual payments. They are required to reside on the land and improve it. Timber and timber lands are sold by special agreement. Upon indication of desire to purchase a given tract of land, it is appraised and sold on the terms agreed upon. The land agents of the company will furnish information to prospective settlers.

Why Lumber Has Advanced.

Producer, and Not the Retailer, Is to Blame. A good many lumber consumers are wondering why lumber has advanced in price, and why they are asked to pay materially higher prices than those to which they have been accustomed. The present advance in lumber began with the producer. Wholesale and lumber dealers of all classes have been compelled to pay, and in the immediate future must pay, decidedly higher prices for the commodities they handle than for years past. Their demand for lumber is carried out by the state upon the bond in such a manner as to entitle him to the benefits of the contract and to perpetuate his lien upon the lands mentioned in the agreement. Pushing the Work. He then proceeds to allege that since the execution of the contract Hill has purchased certain lands at Smith cove, which are in all respects subject to the lien of the contract, and liable to the plaintiff for the cost of filling, and which the plaintiff would in due course of time proceed to fill and claim a lien upon the same in conjunction with the Seattle & Montana Railroad Company and in violation of the plaintiff's rights under the contract, charged the district land office with the cost of 1500 feet long, 200 feet wide and 30 feet deep at low tide, through the lands described, and will, unless prevented by the court, proceed to excavate the channel and thereby render it impossible for the plaintiff to fill the lands covered by the channel at all, or to fill the adjacent lands without the construction of a bulkhead surrounding the ship channel and 200 feet from the shore, at least \$30,000, and to the plaintiff's great and irreparable damage. Mr. Hill and the Seattle & Montana have also, Plaintiff Hays alleges, continued the excavation and raising above high tide the remainder of the tide lands not cut by the ship channel, intending thereby to withdraw them from the operation of the plaintiff's contract and depriving the plaintiff of the profits to which he is entitled under the contract. Unless the defendants are restrained, the plaintiff contends, they will proceed to complete their threatened excavation and filling, thereby compelling the plaintiff to commit a breach of his contract with the state and render himself liable upon his \$25,000 bond given to the state for the faithful performance of his contract. Already Seriously Damaged. In conclusion Hays alleges that he has already been damaged in the sum of \$5000 by the alleged wrongful acts of the defendants and demands judgment against them for that sum and for a perpetual injunction against similar acts in the future. In an interview last night Attorney Hays stated that he had no intention of

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FREDERICK, NELSON & MUNRO. Furniture, Carpets, Stoves, Ranges and Household Goods. RIALTO BLOCK. SECOND AVENUE.

John N. B., died February 16, aged 61 years. George Urquhart Sturdevant, a prominent lumberman of Wilkesbarre, Pa., died in this city, February 10, aged 70 years. H. P. Bee, a lumber and mill man of Franklin, Md., recently committed suicide. J. R. Holcomb, who has been in the service of (Oshkosh) Wis., died February 4, from appendicitis. He was 46 years old. James A. Green, a prominent lumberman of Virginia, Minnesota and Michigan, died at Bay City, Mich., at the age of 63 years.

THE Southwestern Illinois Retail Lumber Merchants' Association has been organized. U. Stinson and Hugh McMillan have engaged in logging operations on the Snohomish river in the East. A. C. Shaw and William Pratt, of Tacoma, have incorporated the A. C. Shaw Lumber Company, with a capital stock of \$100,000. The Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Company has recently invented an upright, fast-feed, automatic shingle machine, which is being made in the East.

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