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The 640 Acre Bill

An Act to Provide for
Stock-raising Home-
steads.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this Act it shall be lawful for any person qualified to make entry under the homestead laws of the United States to make a stock-raising homestead entry for not exceeding six hundred and forty acres of unappropriated unreserved public land in reasonably compact form: *Provided, however,* That the land so entered shall theretofore have been designated by the Secretary of the Interior as "stock-raising land."

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, on application or otherwise, to designate as stock-raising lands subject to entry under this Act lands the surface of which is, in his opinion, chiefly valuable for grazing and raising forage crops, do not contain merchantable timber, are not susceptible of irrigation from any known source of water supply, and are of such character that six hundred and forty acres are reasonably required for the support of a family: *Provided,* That the Secretary of the Interior shall not designate for entry under this Act land of which, owing to its general character or general conditions, in his opinion, six hundred and forty acres clearly will not support a family.

SEC. 3. That any qualified homestead entryman may make entry under the homestead laws of lands so designated by the Secretary of the Interior, according to legal subdivisions, in areas not exceeding six hundred and forty acres, and in compact form so far as may be subject to the provisions of this Act, and secure title thereto by compliance with the terms of the homestead laws: *Provided,* That instead of cultivation as required by the homestead laws the entryman shall be required to make permanent improvements upon the land entered before final proof is submitted tending to increase the value of the same for stock-raising purposes, of the value of not less than \$1.25 per acre, and at least one-half of such improvements shall be placed upon the land within three years after the date of entry thereof.

SEC. 4. That any homestead entryman of lands of the character herein described, who has not submitted final proof upon his existing entry, shall have the right to enter, subject to the provisions of this Act, such amount of contiguous lands designated for entry under the provisions of this Act as shall not, together with the amount embraced in his original entry, exceed six hundred and forty acres, and residence upon the original entry shall be credited on both entries, but improvements must be made on the additional entry equal to \$1.25 for each acre thereof.

SEC. 5. That persons who have submitted final proof upon, or received patent for, lands of the character herein described under the homestead laws, and who own and reside upon the land so acquired, may, subject to the

provisions of this Act, make additional entry for and obtain patent to contiguous lands designated for entry under the provisions of this Act, which, together with the area theretofore acquired under the homestead law, shall not exceed six hundred and forty acres, on proof of the expenditure required by this Act on account of permanent improvements upon the additional entry.

SEC. 6. That in event there are not contiguous lands in area sufficient to complete an entry of six hundred and forty acres, as provided for in this Act, the entryman or patentee shall have the right to enter within a radius of ten miles from his first entry subject to the same requirements as specified for contiguous additional entries, land in reasonably compact form which have been designated for entry under the provisions of this Act, that shall, together with the first entry, not exceed six hundred and forty acres: *Provided,* That the entryman shall be required to enter all contiguous areas open to entry prior to the entry of any noncontiguous land.

SEC. 7. That any person who is the head of a family, or who has arrived at the age of twenty-one years and is a citizen of the United States, who has entered or acquired under the homestead laws, prior to the passage hereof, lands of the character described in this Act, the area of which is less than six hundred and forty acres, and who is unable to exercise the right of additional entry herein conferred because no lands subject to entry under this Act adjoin the tract so entered or acquired or lie within the ten-mile limit provided for in this Act, may, upon submitting proof that he resides upon and has not sold or encumbered the land so entered or acquired, relinquish or reconvey to the United States the land so occupied, entered, or acquired, and in lieu thereof, within the same land-office district, may enter and acquire title to six hundred and forty acres of the land subject to entry under this Act, but must show compliance with all the provisions of this Act respecting the new entry and with all the provisions of existing homestead laws except as modified herein: *Provided,* That the lands so relinquished or reconveyed as herein provided shall thereafter be subject to disposition only on such terms and under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

SEC. 8. That the commutation provisions of the homestead laws shall not apply to any entries made under this Act.

SEC. 9. That any homestead entryman or patentee who shall be entitled to additional entry under this Act shall have, for thirty days after the designation of lands subject to entry under the provisions of this Act and contiguous to those entered or owned and occupied by him, the preferential right to make additional entry as provided in this Act: *Provided,* That where such lands contiguous to the lands of two or more entrymen or patentees entitled to additional entries under this section are not sufficient in area to enable such entrymen to secure by additional entry the maximum amounts to which they are entitled, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make an equitable division of the lands among the several entrymen or patentees, applying to exercise preferential rights, such division to be in tracts of not less than forty acres, and so made as to equalize as nearly as possible the area which such entrymen and patentees will acquire by adding the tracts embraced in additional entries to the lands originally held or owned by them: *Provided further,* That where but one forty-acre tract of vacant land may adjoin the lands of two or more entrymen or patentees

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PUBLIC SALE

Tuesday, March 9th, 1915

At my place 11 miles south of Ekalaka at the Jack Hill farm. 2½ miles southeast of Joe Rodgers'

(THE OLD WEBER RANCH)

400 - Acres of Land - 400

One of the best ranches in Fallon

County and well improved

6 - Head of Horses - 6

One bay horse, 5 years old, weight 1200 lbs; One bay horse, 4 years old, weight 1250 lbs; One bay horse, 3 years old, weight 1100 lbs; One span of bay mares well matched, 5 and 8 years old, weight 2300 lbs. Gentle for woman or child to ride or drive. One bay mare, 10 years old; 1100 lbs; gentle.

45 - Head of Cattle - 45

14 head of choices cows, 3 head of good milch cows, 6 coming 2 year old steers; 5 coming 2 year old heifers, 10 head of last spring heifer calves, 6 last spring steer calves, 1 2-year old stag.

15 HEAD OF HOGS 15

Average weight about 120 lbs.

FARM MACHINERY.

One 3 inch farm wagon, one McCormick mower, one hay rake, one riding plow, breaker attachment 16 inch, one walking 16 inch stirring plow, two walking 14 inch breaking plows, one two section harrow, one walking cultivator, one corn drill, one disc, two hayracks, one bob sled, one scraper, blacksmithing outfit, block and tackle, three sets of harness, heavy, medium and light, one saddle.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Including range stove, heating stoves, kitchen cabinet, glass door cupboard, tables, bedsteads, dresser, sewing, sanitary couch, and other articles.

500 bu. oats, 6 ton of wheat hay, 5 bu. seed corn,
40 bu. potatoes

TERMS: Eight months time on approved security. All sums under \$10. cash. 5 per cent discount for cash. All property to be settled for before removal.

HILL BROS., Owners

H. B. Albert, Clerk.

J. W. Grant, Auctioneer