

ONE MILLION ACRES

Restored to the Public Domain—Old A. & P. Land Grant Between Needles and Mohave Open to Settlers.

Uncle Sam shortly will restore 1,000,000 acres in Southern California to the public domain, to be subject to entry under the general land laws of the United States within sixty days after the official notification to the public.

By this wholesale re-creation of public domain, unprecedented in amount of land involved, there will be placed at the disposal of the public, subject to the government's land laws, a huge and diverse tract, offering an opportunity for a great inrush of tillers of the soil to the commonwealth of California.

The million acres in question, comprising much valuable land, lie along the line of the Southern Pacific Railroad between Mohave and Needles, on the Colorado River. Notification of the intended restoration has just been received by the local United States Land Office from the Department of the Interior, through Commissioner Richards of the General Land Office, and the officials here are busy preparing for the rush for the land which is expected to set in on the day the great domain is laid open to entry. It will take some busy days to get everything in readiness for the onslaught, and the Land Office in the Potomac Block will be the goal of regiments of "anxious inquirers" and sacks of communications, as soon as the news is spread. At least Uncle Sam's worthies up there are putting themselves on the defensive in preparation for such a siege, and not at all doubtful that the blow will fall heavily.

Some time ago the United States Supreme Court decided, in the suit generally known as No. 600, that the United States holds an equal undivided moiety in all odd-numbered sections which lie within the conflicting place limits of the famous old grant made to the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad by act of July, 1866, and that the Southern Pacific Railroad Company holds the other equal undivided moiety therein. The Southern Pacific was called upon to make its selections of sections, and chose accordingly. The sections remaining to the government, which are to be restored to the public domain, are the sections numbered 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31 and 35, in every township falling within the conflicting place limits of the grant, except where the railroad company has in the past sold such sections or portions of sections, in which case it will be allowed to perfect title for its grantees.

Any entries on said lands which may have been allowed will be permitted to stand, and may be perfected if no superior adverse claims are presented; but all prior applicants, who have not been allowed to perfect, notice is to be given that, whatever the claims they assert, their applications confer no rights on them, and that on the day set for restoration, the lands will be opened to entry and disposed of without regard to such applications, "which shall be held to be rejected."

Within two months the government, by this big breaking up of the old "A. and P." grant across the desert, will make room for unnumbered new colonists, whose settlements should be tributary to this city.—Los Angeles Times.

Penitentiary Outbreak.

A report from Yuma Sunday gave meager details of a jail delivery Friday night. Two brothers name Steele escaped from the penitentiary and succeeded in getting a start of several

hours, but were captured the following day by prison guards, and are now doing penitence in the dark cell.

Their escape followed an attempted escape of two convicts about a week ago, when "Billy" Doheny, a guard, shot and killed one, and perhaps mortally wounded another prisoner. It is reported that the two jail breaks are the only tangible results of a premeditated plan of the majority of the prisoners to effect a general prison delivery.

The Steele brothers were being held at Yuma pending the securing of requisition papers for their return to San Diego, on the charge of horse stealing. The papers had been issued, and Constable Marks was on the way from Sacramento with them. The men are deserters, also, one from the cruiser New York and the other from the training ship Mohican.

SEVERE ATTACK OF GRIP

Cured by One Bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"When I had an attack of the grip last winter (the second one) I actually cured myself with one bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy" says Frank W. Perry, editor of the Enterprise, Shortsville, N. Y. "This is the honest truth. I at times kept from coughing myself to pieces by taking a teaspoonful of this remedy, and when the coughing spell would come on at night I would take a dose and it seemed that in the briefest interval the cough would pass off and I would go to sleep perfectly free from cough and its accompanying pains. To say that the remedy acted as a most agreeable surprise is putting it very mildly. I had no idea that it would or could knock out the grip, simply because I had never tried it for such a purpose, but it did, and it seemed with the second attack of coughing the remedy caused it to not only be of less severe, and I had not used the contents of one bottle before Mr. Grip had bid me adieu." For sale by all druggists.

The Benefits of Advertising.

An exchange says: A newspaper reflects the business interests of a town in its advertising columns. A business man looking for a location always examines newspapers to see if his particular line is represented. If he is a druggist and sees no advertisement by the druggists he concludes there are none, or, if there are, they are all dull. If he is a doctor or a lawyer, he looks over the professional cards to see if his profession is represented. Prospective buyers like an invitation to come and trade with merchants. A card of the professional man is just as essential as the sign in front of his door. It is not a question of being able to get along without it. A hardware man need not heat his store to keep things from freezing. He might have a booth out on the street or at a skating rink, and do a lot of business, instead of paying rent at his store and buying fuel to heat it with, but it might not be economy to do so. Advertising is not a luxury, but rather an economic proposition recognized by all the best and most successful business men the world over.

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