

The Area of Choice
Government Land
Is Very Limited.

Use Your Rights

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While Rich, Valuable
and Most Desirable
Land Is Available.

And Avail Yourself of the Rich Opportunities Offered to the Settlers and Landseekers
Who Take Claims in the Rich, Fertile Black Loam and Valuable Timber Districts
Now Opened for Entry in Northern Minnesota. * * * * * Use Your Rights

To Government Land! Before Buying Private Speculative Lands.

Developments of the Land.

Our company is the direct medium of settling and speedily developing the district we operate in. We are locating thousands of homeseekers from all parts of the country, and can centralize and settle the most desirable district with the most desirable settlers in a very few months, where it otherwise would take a great many years to settle a district, and no one wants to overlook this fact when looking for land, as we are able to locate landseekers upon government land, which is free, or almost free, at a very moderate cost, where the land and conditions are far more desirable than where \$10, \$15 and even \$20 per acre is asked and paid for land.

FREE LAND.

Any One of Age (21 years or over), Single or Head of a Family, is Entitled to Take FREE, Under the Homestead Laws, 160 Acres of Vacant Government Land. Such homestead entries can be proved up after five years residence and before the expiration of seven years from date of entry, or can be commuted in Fourteen Months or After, by Paying \$1.25 Per Acre (\$200). A homesteader is required to establish his or her residence upon the land within six months from the date of filing. Any one having lost their homestead right, pre-empted or commuted a homestead entry previous to June 5, 1900, can now make another homestead entry.

Available Land.

We have vast tracts of government land recently opened up in Northern Minnesota which is, without doubt, the richest and most valuable that has been opened for settlement in this state for the last twenty years. The land is level, cut up with brooks and rivers, finest of water, black loam soil, with yellow clay subsoil; no stone, no sand, no gravel; excellent climate. Excepting the numerous meadows the land is covered more or less with valuable timber. A great portion of the land is very easily cleared. Good markets, splendid railway and shipping facilities.

Timber Claims \$2.50 Per Acre.

Any One of Age (Married Women Included) is Entitled to Take, Under the Timber or Stone Act, 160 Acres of Vacant Government Land which is at Present More Valuable for its Timber or Stone than it is for Agricultural Purposes, by paying for it at \$2.50 Per Acre in About Three Months from the Date of Filing. Such Timber or Stone Claim can be taken separate or in addition to a homestead entry, or adjoining a homestead claim, if so desired.

How We Are Prepared to Serve the Prospective Settler and Locate the Most Valuable Claims.

In cruising and examining, we confine our work to government land exclusively. We gather from the state and government reports all data of general interest pertaining to lands open to settlement in the various districts. Only expert cruisers and estimators are employed, who explore and examine every forty-acre tract of land subject to entry under general land laws, thereby securing complete, authentic reports of all such land, showing in detail the general condition and character of the lands, soil and subsoil, and an accurate estimate of the amount of woods and

timber of the various kinds, also showing the acreage of open land and meadows. These reports, with the general knowledge obtained through their special operations, relating to all conditions and developments of the country, its railroad prospects, etc., enables this company to render great and valuable assistance in securing the most desirable tract obtainable.

Our various offices are in possession of information and are supplied with plats, maps, reports and correct knowledge of what land is vacant. Our company can thereby assist to secure the best quarter section in the best township in the best district of the state, and when such

a claim has been selected from the various reports and field notes, the applicants are provided with half-rate transportation to the nearest railroad point and sent out under our directions, and at this point they are taken care of by our locators, who provide for their comfort and pilot them upon the claims with the best available facilities the locality will permit.

Locating Fee.

Our fee for locating claims and assisting applicants vary in accordance with the value and location, and range from \$10 and up. Our

ordinary fees, however, for the choicest claims average from \$50 to \$65. On such claims a deposit of \$25 will be required as part payment on the locating fee before going to the land. Considering the great convenience of selecting in our office, from our plats, maps and reports, the best claim in the best district, the cheap railroad transportation that we provide and the guides and cruisers we furnish to take the applicants directly upon the land without delay and unnecessary expense, and the convenience and protection offered through our complete system of operating, you will readily see that the \$25 so required in advance does not begin to

cover the expense entered into by our company in providing all these conveniences and that this small amount to a land seeker is a great deal less than he would have to expend if he were to start out single-handed and without such information and assistance as we furnish. The balance of the fee is payable upon filing. We guarantee our field notes to be a true description of the character of the land and soil and a correct estimate of the amount of timber and woods, and being that we examine all the vacant government land and are not partial to any certain district, and that the land is only subject to be taken under the general land laws,

and that as far as the Northwestern Homestead Locating company is concerned it is not in any way benefited by reporting any tract better or worse than what it is, you will realize that it will be no advantage to the company to make any misrepresentations or to exaggerate the reports in any way. The traveling expenses to the land and back will amount to from \$15 to \$30.

Government Fee.

The filing fees at the land office for a homestead entry is \$14. There are no filing fees for timber and stone entries.

Grand Opportunity to Acquire Land.

Families or neighbors with a little means can, under the existing laws, take land under the homestead laws and timber and stone act together—320 acres. A man's wife has a right to take land under the timber and stone act. The sons and daughters of age have each a right to take claims under the homestead laws and timber and stone act, etc. It can be readily seen that such a proposition is far better than buying speculative land at speculative prices.

AVAIL YOURSELF OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES.

NORTHWESTERN HOMESTEAD LOCATING CO.

Cruisers, Examiners, Estimators
and Locators of

Free Government Land.

The Largest Government Land
Locating Concern in the U.S.

Other Minnesota Branch Offices at
Minneapolis, Duluth and International Falls.

General Office, 376 Robert Street, St. Paul, Minn.

CRIME OF A NEW SORT DISCOVERED

Contortionist Who "Earned Damages"
by Falling From Street Cars.

A rather novel sort of crime is that for which a contortionist must shortly stand trial at Philadelphia. An ingenious individual named Doran, having discovered that as an expert tumbler he could without risk to life hurt him-

self from and before trolley cars, has for some time past enjoyed a steady income in damages collected from the traction companies of New York and Philadelphia for injuries alleged to have been received. At the psychological moment he would be hurled from car platform to pavement, or by the sudden intrusion of his shoulder into the sphere of action of the front of the car he would be knocked down into assumed unconsciousness, and with a voluntary dislocation here or there on his person, for which the companies might be, and, it seems, have been,

made to pay. This would appear to be the strenuous life carried to the extreme, and it seems a pity that a creature of such ingenuity and of such extraordinary talents could not be surrounded by such influences as should transform him into a useful and honorable citizen. It would not be difficult to make of such as he a real and valuable factor in our modern life. It was recently said, for instance, by an undoubted authority, that the injuries people sustained by riding in hansom cabs were largely due to their not knowing how to ride in vehicles of that

sort. It is a matter of common knowledge that the gait of our street car lines who knows the curves of the route and has got what we may call his "car legs on" reaches the end of his journey with fewer bruises than the fresh chap from the country who never enjoyed the experience before. Now here is a man who, through some special gift, knows how to fall all over himself without hurt.

In such a hansom accident as recently befell Joseph Chamberlain, of England, for example, this man would probably have shot out over the horse

and landed on his feet, or, if on his back, with no more bones broken than if the street were paved with mattresses. To such as he the recent trolley accident to the president of the United States would have been of no more moment than that of the Englishman who, after falling head over heels down two flights of stairs, observed, to a solicitous inquirer as to his mishap, that he always came down stairs that way. The talented Doran, being thus equipped, should be able to open a school in tumbling, wherein those persons of the present day who are

worth saving might be taught the arts of which he is a master. The hour calls for the strenuous life, and of late we have been shown some of its perils. These may be averted if we can only be taught how, and we suggest to the capitalists of the traction companies who are prosecuting the man for crime that instead of sending Mr. Doran to jail they would far better incorporate him into an "Academy of the Fine Art of Lofly Tumbling," for the use of statesmen and other strenuous persons for whom the world still has use. Certainly Doran, and there is no telling

how many other citizens of more lofty mold, would be saved by such action, and no one can deny that the act would be one of the highest philanthropy and utility.

Molten Wood.

A French forest inspector has achieved a process for the production of "molten wood." By dry distillation and high pressure developing gases are prevented from escaping and the "molten" condition thereby secured. When cooled the mass assumes the character of coal without showing traces of that material's organic structure. The new substance is hard, is impervious to water and acids, but can be shaped and polished at will.