

THE EVENING NEWS

OF

Gov. S. H. Elbert

OF COLORADO

RESOLVE THE CONVENTION OF TRANS-MISSOURI STATES AND TERRITORIES, HELD AT DENVER, COLO-RADO, OCTOBER 10th, 1873.

(CONCLUDED.)

I suggest a plan not without

the criticism and views of the

convention and the country.

I propose an act of Congress

leaving the following leading

features:

First.—That the proceeds of

territory of one-half of the state

arising from the sale of all arid

lands retained within its borders.

Second.—That the proceeds

shall remain subject to the pre-

emption law of the United States

at the rate of \$2.50 per acre.

Third.—That all such lands shall

remain subject to the operation

of the Homestead law of the

United States, and that the

homestead claimant shall be

compensated therefor at the

rate of \$1.25 per acre of the

proceeds arising from the sale of

pre-empted lands.

Fourth.—That the proceeds granted

shall be under the control of the

Secretary of the Interior, who shall

account annually for the proceeds

arising from the sale of such lands

to the proper territorial officer.

Fifth.—That the Secretary of the

Interior shall have the same over

the proceeds arising from the sale of

such lands, and that he shall

be authorized to make such

regulations as may be necessary

for the proper construction and

maintenance of such canals.

Sixth.—That the proceeds of

such lands shall be kept in an

exclusive fund by the

Territory of State for the

construction and maintenance of

canals for irrigation.

Seventh.—That the proceeds of

such lands shall be kept in an

exclusive fund by the

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construction and maintenance of

canals for irrigation.

Eighth.—That all lands which

shall be sold under the provisions

of the pre-emption laws of the

United States, after the passage of

the act, shall be subject to the

operation of the act.

For such a law in principle we

have a precedent in the act

granting to the western states swamp

or overflowed lands. If it were

desirable to grant swamp lands to

states that would claim them, it

is equally desirable to grant the arid

lands of the plains for the same

reason.

This would give a basis upon

which the Territory could go to

work. To properly wisely and

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