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Should Those Adapted for Grazing be Leased to Stockmen?

ONE AFFIRMATIVE SPEECH

What Land Agent Wantland Said Regarding the Matter at the Fort. Worth Convention.

There have been numerous request stockmen upon the "News" to pubthe Fort Worth speech of Mr. C. E ntland, of this city, on the land sing question. The "News" accordily gives it a place in its columns lay. Its full text is as follows:

That such of the public of the United States as are adaptfor grazing should be subject to se by stockmon, who are citizens, at easonable rental, and under such iditions as will tend to preserve the ses from destruction, and improve e value of the grasses thereon.

Mr. C. E. Wantland, Utah: Stockmen il, of course, vote for or against this they may feel it will affect their rsonal interests. They are not lying vake nights worrying about others. The fact that this resolution has been esented in the form in which it aps, shows that the committee con ers that some stockmen believe it t their advantage to lease and conol range lands, and that there has en and is now danger from over-owding the ranges, and that to have under control would tend to pre-

serve the grasses. ckmen know whether there is any truth in such claims. Uncle Sam's ex-perts have been investigating the matfor years, and their views are be-

the members of Congress. During the past few years the owners f live stock have secured many leases f State land grants from the arid tates. At present the demand lagreater by probably five million acres thanbe supplied, and the rentals being paid are in many cases higher than lessees will be able to pay if another od of adversity overtakes them.

This resolution brings up squarely for decision this question: Shall any leas-ing be favored? And, if voted down, it eans that the National Live Stock Asciation favors allowing conditions to emain as at present—a state of affairs enerally admitted to be unsatisfacdefective land laws, practically utting a permium on perjury; conflicts ver range rights, which constantly re-ilt in loss of life and property, creatg the impression that the West is wless, and the whole situation pracally challenging the honesty and ince of western men.

Such a negative position will naturalforce all who are opposed to a con-nuation of present conditions to rereat or fight to a finish. Stockmen will ontinue to be divided, and it is writ-en: "A house divided against itself public land question is of great rtance, and the signs of the times indicate radical action. This ntion is meeting in a State, whose e never gave up their lands to are of anybody else, who never ibted their own ability to handle eir own affairs; who never said to the orld: "We possess intelligence and onesty enough to protect life and a ion of our property, but not all of and who would resent as an insult he suggestion that they ought to turn over their public lands to the United States and allow them to be unprotect

grazing lands, to double the irrigated Experts say that nearly a quarter Experts say that nearly a quarter of a billion dollars could be realised from the sale of the public grazing lands. Is not this a valuable free pasture to scrap over? The public land States are now leas-ing their lands on a basis of nearly a million dollars a year; probaly less than 25 per cent of the State school sections are nucler bases at all now, because they

2a per cent of the State school sections are under lease at all now, because they are disconnected, and the adjoining lands are in the open pasture we are talking about. If under control, the States could realize double the present revenue from the lands they now own, and State taxes could be reduced from 25 ner cent to 56 ner cent. Heavy 25 per cent to 50 per cent. Heavy taxpayers all over the West are wak-ing up, and the fact that only about 10 per cent of the hand area of the arid

States is now subject to taxation is becoming known. Some people of the millions east of the Missouri river are beginning to see that they also have some interest in the public land question. It is said he present high price of beef has some nnection with the past abuses of the Western lands, Manufacturers of the Mississippi val

y are discussing expansion these da-not only on lands across the Pacifi out at home. They think, if the pop dation of the arid States is doubled eir business, too, will expand. Many refers under present irrigation sysas find that storage reservoirs are ded to make sure the crops from inds now irrigated. They favor ap ropriations by Congress, and, as West a members of Congress press for such ip, they are reminded that it is only

that public lands should be turns o cash to pay, in part at least, for uch work. The leaders of organized labor are oking ahead, and they say the only ulck relief in sight for the terrible

idustrial conditions, which will be felt when the next period of depression cs when the next period of depression comes to the nation, will be from the utilization of the public lands. Are we prepared to say they are wrong?

The next National Irrigation congress will be held in Chicago, and the . power of the Chicago press will have be considered after that

The secretary of agriculture recom-mends a leasing system, and in support of his recommendation says:

"I have tooked carefully into the onditions of the ranges in most of the States west of the Missouri river. The epartment of agriculture has been conucting experiments in most of these States with native and imported grass-es, through the experiment stations, private individuals, and sometimes unler the direct management of its own officers. Injudicious grazing has great-ly impaired the capacity of the ranges to produce meats. Careful inquire shows that in many cases the ranges shows that in many cases the ranges do not support more than half the meat-bearing animals they did ten years ago. These ranges have been overstocked. The grasses have been eaten bare and pulled out by the roots. Where formerly nutritious grass sup-ported a large number of animals, there is now left orthing but a denset of is now left nothing but a desert of drifting sand.

"The principal reason for this condition of the ranges is undoubtedly that no single individual has an interest in any one part of the public domain. The object of the flock master is to secure all the grass possible, irrespective of the effect it may have on the future | condition of the pasture. Thousands of sheep that can not find grazing on the plains are being taken into the innermost recesses of the mountain systems,

"It would seem wise to inaugurate a more sensible policy regarding these public grazing lands. They should be rented to individuals in sufficiently arge areas and for a sufficiently long time to induce the lessees to give at tention to their improvement. Th The title should remain in the United States. so that the homesteader might have an opportunity, under such conditions as would not interfere with the renting, to make settlements whenever practic-able. The rents arising from these leases might very well be given to the States for such uses as they might deem wise, either for educational pur-poses or for irrigation work. A very considerable amount of money would come every year from these leases, with which the States could begin expermentations in the way of building dams and holding the water against time need. My main object in making this recommendation is that the lessee and the department of agriculture may en-ter into co-operative experimentations looking to the improvement of the grazing lands." Will this convention call the secretary of agriculture either a liar or a fool? The secretary of interior, referring to the possibilities of the arid plains, "That this vast acreage, capable of sustaining and comfortably support ing under a proper system of irriga on a population of at least fifty mi lion people should remain practically not in harmony with the



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presented to members of Congress, they be willing to please their and who will blame them? turn wil constituents The fact that the public land states ave application for lease of more land an they now own, may be used as an answerable argument in favor of ad-tional grants, of direct leasing by the than they unanswerahl general government.

sheep is as much of a ploneer in build-ing up and developing the country, and The fact that many have heretofore pposed a leasing propositions, be-cared the plans proposed. s entitled to as much respect, as the ve either that they would better plan, or that, if they and tried, they could not d scheme which would sat ettler who moves on to a prairie and does not tries to raise grain, but the stories of fights between conflicting interests now using Western ranges have been told and retold so often that a prejudice has been created in the minds of the people. ty of all concerned. tion is so strong to State

which must not be overlooked, it is not worth while to fer to the question. Stock. ession A few years ago the forest reserves were open to all. A few people interestly are afraid of it. They tes handle the lands they men gene ed themselves in the subject, and, with-out very much agitation, suddenly something dropped. That something hes not suited stockmen, and you have been put to some trouble and expense to have for revenue purposes only, there is no assurance that the rest andled on any other basis; that State legislatures would not act nptly or intelligently on coviding for reservoir con-nd that the people of the secure partial relief, and are still suck-Ing the hind teat. You were asleep a the wrong time. If you sleep now while the public land question is being acted upon, and because of that sleep are ald not vote to protect and servoirs, even if they were h by public aid, forced hereafter to pay heavy lease rates, or find grazing privileges otherconstructed

There has been recently presented in Vashington a number of plans for diby the general government tockmen are objecting, as et schemes for long-time ring all the States, regardspecial conditions existing ent States, Now, as an offset to all that has been

the West. I believe the resolution ought to be passed by a unanimous vote. it impossible for stockmen other and formulate any roposed h will be generally satis hat will at least satisfy the think so, and suggest a

plan. The registers and re-the United States land office never the secretary of th tisfied that a majority o n in such county wish it t If our contention is corn this plan would soon ever natural conditions are can be adjusted satisfac lands should be classified oners for each State. stricts should be placed in asing groups, to be leased erms, so that the best use 1 for agricultural purposes prevented or delayed. ould cover tracts selected e the needs of the peopleten sections for each sec-Terms of lease on land or grazing to be about five at rates ranging from one o three cents per acre, low cover years of adversity as sperity. As the people of elleve in the private owneroperty; provision should be gradual appraisals and sales stated periods, at fair prices, time ert districts-being the win where sheep can only exist great distances—leasing dis-ind be restricted, except in one the sheep owners form into associations generally adopting a license system selves. Trails and roads to aslves. ate traffic to railroad ship-ts should be arranged by horities. tions are different in the tates and countles of eaching operations should be subnporary suspension at any e governor or legislature of certify that further leasing in y would not be in line with o policy. Lands covered by nain subject to homestead and mineral entries, but should be amended to cover



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Uncle Sam owns, exclusive of his Alaska and other distant possessions, about six hundred million acres, about one-half of which is unsurveyed.

It is estimated that of the six hundred million acres from fifty million to one hundred and fifty million can be reclaimed by irrigation-depending largely upon future construction of reservoirs, which it is beyond the ability of the states to undertake, and for which there is very little hope of securing private capital; therefore, if ever constructed, appropriations must be seired from Congress. Probably two thirds of the remaining unappropriated public lands. The census of 1900 will show ten million acres under irrigation. It is estimated that of the one hundred and fifty million acres remaining et to reclamation, probably thirty million can be reclaimed at a cost of \$10 per acre, but, if only ten million can be reclaimed at that cost, it will take less an \$100,000,000 to double the irrigated

farms in the arid States. At the average rental rates secured the mountain States for their land grants under lease, at present, about one-half of the remaining grazing lands would produce enough revenue in ten years to cover the cost of reclaiming this additional land necessary to doubl the number of irrigated farms, and Uncle Sam would have the land with water supply to dispose of-to sell

or to give away. Again, at the average price at which the States now sell their grazing it would require the sale of less than one hundred million acres or one-fourth of the remaining publi

progress of the age, or in keeping with the possibilities of the future." Is not that a polite way of saying that the business men of the West are not using to the best advantage the brains God gave them, but are allow-ing their selfishness to block the path

progress? And is he not dead right? But more than general indications of a change may be noted in politica circles. Many of the registers and eceivers of the land offices in the ari States have poor picking. ces do not pay, and they are beginning to see the way out of the woods. If the public grazing lands are leased, the United States

will pay better, mor and offices derks and special agents will be neede in Washington and the West, Patritole politicians are usually on hand to serve helr country, and, as opportunities ar

fects. The receipts for each id he kept separate. One-third counties, thus e abling them taxation; the remaining two be used for expenses, for in

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thus giving ample time for the neces-sary adjustment to new conditions. Under the plan I suggest, one-third of the lease money going into the county treasuries will benefit all tax-

onflicts,

necessities of the case?

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the morning in the office of Mr. Smith and later in the day their arrangemen was ratified by the other members o the committee. The call reads as fol-

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