

EVENING NEWS.

Friday, April 21, 1876.

LIMITS OF RESERVATIONS FOR TOWN SITES.

Proceedings of U. S. House of Representatives, April 18, 1876.

Mr. CROUNSE, also from the committee on public lands, reported that it is recommended that the bill (H. R. No. 1785) respecting the limits of reservations for town sites upon the public domain.

The bill was read, and the existence of the bill in the United States shall not be held to exclude from pre-emption or homestead entry a greater quantity than twenty-five hundred and sixty acres of land, or the maximum area which may be entered as a townsite under the act, unless the entire tract claimed or incorporated as such town site shall, including and in excess of the area above specified, be actually settled upon by an inhabitant, improved, and used solely and exclusively for business and municipal purposes.

Sec. 2. That whenever the corporate limits of any town upon the public domain are shown or alleged to include lands in excess of the maximum area specified in Section 1 of this act, the Commissioner of the General Land Office may require the authorities of such town, and it shall be their duty to select what portion of said lands, in compact form and embracing the actual site of the municipal occupation and improvement, shall be withheld from pre-emption and homestead entry; and thereafter the residue of such lands shall be open to pre-emption and homestead entry.

In lines 10 and 11 of the first section of the bill the words "solely and exclusively" are added to the third section of the bill the following: "And it shall be the duty of the secretary of each of the Territories of the United States to furnish the surveyor-general of the Territory, for the use of the said surveyor-general, a copy duly certified of every act of the Legislature of the Territory incorporating any city or town, the same to be forwarded by the secretary to the surveyor-general within one month from the date of its approval.

Sec. 4. It shall be lawful for any town which has made, or may hereafter make, entry of less than the maximum quantity of lands named in section 2339 of the Revised Statutes, to make such additional entry of contiguous or other lands, which may be occupied for town purposes as, when added to the entry or entries thereof made, will not exceed twenty-five hundred and sixty acres.

Mr. CROUNSE, Mr. Speaker, as will be seen by reference to the laws relating to pre-emption and homestead entries upon the public lands of the United States, certain lands are excluded from the operation of those laws. Among these are "lands included within the limits of any incorporated town, or selected as the site of a city or town."

The laws respecting the incorporation of towns and cities within the several States and Territories which contain pre-emption laws are enacted by the Legislature of the State or Territory. The limits of any city or town may be more or less extended as the special or general laws referred to may permit, and in some instances to which my attention has been directed they have been extended beyond all propriety or any possible need for municipal purposes.

Here is a list of cities incorporated by the Legislature of Utah from time to time since the organization of that Territory, and as nearly as may be estimated the area of territory included in each:

With few exceptions the population of these cities must be quite insignificant, and for which a few acres in each would suffice to meet all demands for actual municipal purposes. Still there are something like seven hundred and fifty square miles of public domain, amounting to a large portion of the lands there susceptible of being incorporated within incorporated limits and over which are extended municipal laws and regulations.

THE LAW DENIES THE RIGHT OF ANY ONE TO ENTER ANY PORTION OF ANY SUCH TOWN SITE, NOTWITHSTANDING IT MAY BE UNOCCUPIED AND NOT USED OR SETTLED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.

Such is the decision of the courts and such is the holding of the Interior Department.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

To the Centennial Exposition.

The Chicago & North Western Railway will, on and after May 1st, 1876, and until October 31st, 1876, have on sale in all of its coupon ticket offices (including its two ticket offices at Omaha), round trip excursion tickets to Philadelphia and New York and return for the round trip, will be sold at one and one-half of the usual rate for a trip one way. They will be of two classes, but will be sold at the same rate. One class of tickets will be for Chicago, going and returning by the same route, and the other class will be good east of Chicago, going by one route and returning by another, thus offering to the purchasers a choice of routes and chances to see various parts of the country.

Neither cars nor trains will be chartered for excursion parties going to the Centennial by this or any other road, nor will rates be less per person or parties large or small. Every person going will have to pay the same rate as paid by the other. No baggage will be permitted to sell round trip tickets for the Centennial at any less rate than is quoted above. Reduced rates will be made only to the Exposition will not be sold, and the rates made are for the full round trip. All agents of the Chicago & North Western Railway will, in due time, be fully advised as to rates from their stations for the Centennial, and will be glad to answer all inquiries in regard to them.

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