

## G132 - Great Northern Railway - Homesteading

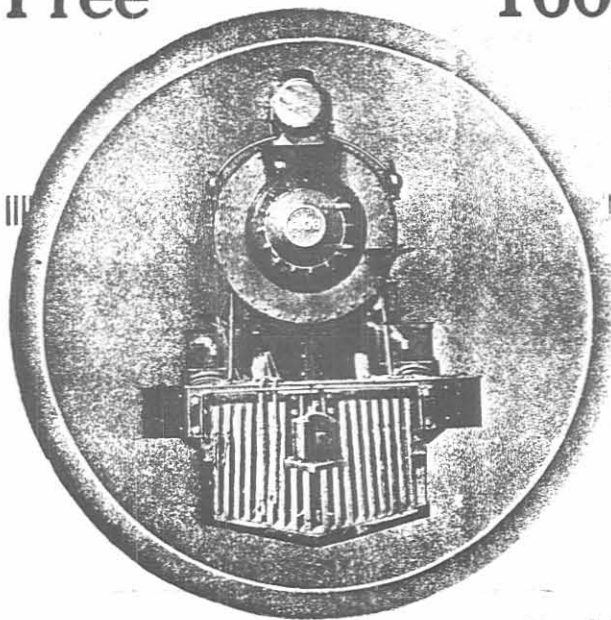
Leland L. Huss (#3200)

The illustrated brochure was probably posted sometime after the opening of homestead filing of land in Montana, November 10, 1911. I selected this date because of the statement in the brochure,

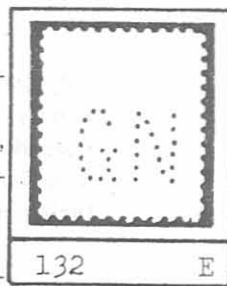
"All of this land was thrown open to file on November 20, 1911, ...." The brochure hypes free land - homesteads in Montana and Oregon. The Great Northern Railroad with its eastern terminus in Minneapolis - St. Paul and routes to Wisconsin, the Dakotas, Montana, Oregon, and Washington sought to build up the region as a method of developing business. It is difficult to realize that less than 90 years ago there still was homestead land available in the lower 48.

# Free

# 160 and 320 Acre Homesteads in Montana and Oregon



D. W. Crawford—R2, Indianola,



## Find Out

## About the Opportunities for Homemaking along the Great Northern Ry.



TYPICAL CENTRAL OREGON.

## 3,000,000 Acres Free Homestead Land in Oregon

This figure represents free homestead land in Oregon—ready to be given away for practically the mere asking—simply file on the land you want; subject, of course, to the Homestead Laws of the United States.

This land is divided into 320 and 160 acre free homesteads. All 320 acre and most of the 160 acre free homesteads are located in Central and Southeastern Oregon, and are chiefly in the counties of Crook, Klamath, Lake and Harney. In round numbers the acreage of the 320 acre units not filed on July 1, 1911, in Central Oregon, is 10,000,000, but new entries are being made every day. Of the 160 acre units or 16,600,000 acres, something over 3,000,000 acres are surveyed, but this land can be had by locating and settlement and complying with the Homestead conditions demanded by the United States Government after the land is surveyed. Of the total homestead land in Oregon, about 11,000,000 acres are agricultural and irrigated lands; the rest are timbered, mountainous or desert land requiring irrigation.

Do not delay too long—your chance for a free home is rapidly passing away.



CHICKEN FARM IN CENTRAL OREGON.



"GREAT NORTHWEST" EXHIBIT, GREAT NORTHERN RY. CITY OFFICE, DES MOINES, IA.

## The Great Northwest Has a Place for You

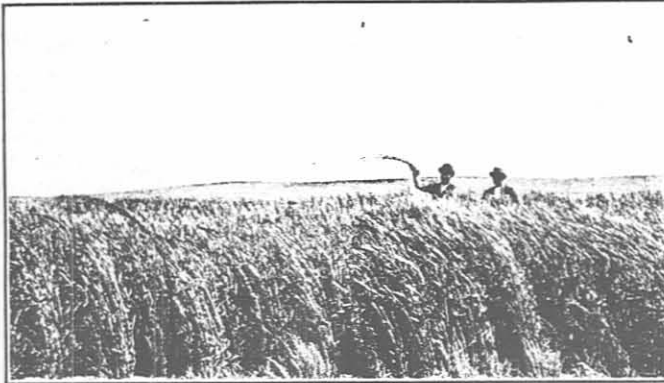
With the driving of the golden spike at Bend, Oregon, by James J. Hill on October 5th, 1911, the Oregon Trunk Ry. made accessible to the homeseeker millions of free acres of rich agricultural land in Central Oregon. Here is one of the largest tracts—more than 16,000,000 acres—and practically the last of the free land in the United States. While this acreage may appear large to you, settlers are coming into Central Oregon rapidly, and it will be but a short time before these 320 and 160 acres homesteads will all be taken up. Central Oregon's land is suitable for the raising of wheat and other small grains, the stock industry playing an important part in the history of this district—fruit development is also coming into prominence in certain parts. Central Oregon won the majority of the prizes at the Dry Farming Congress, held in Colorado Springs, Colo., during October, 1911. When taking into consideration that the exhibits from the older agricultural states were in competition with Oregon, this is certainly a marvelous record for new Central Oregon.

Montana, the "Treasure State," still has a large undeveloped territory—nearly 20,000,000 acres—waiting for the settler. Certainly great opportunities are held within the boundaries of this now famous agricultural state for those who want to avail themselves of same. Exhibits of Montana products at the United States Land and Irrigation Congress in New York during November, 1911, not only attracted a great deal of attention from the visitors to the show, but won many prizes—the most notable being the James J. Hill "\$1000.00" silver cup for the best 100 pounds of wheat exhibited. This cup was won by James Todd, of Geysers, Mont., right in the heart of some of the homestead land now open to file. Other localities of the "Treasure State" fared just as well.

For further information regarding the opportunities along the line of the Great Northern Ry. in Montana and Oregon, and train service, railroad fare, etc., from your city, address,

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Des Moines, Ia.

FOR THE HOMESEAKER



1911 WHEAT FIELD NEAR CUT BANK, MONT.

**New Homestead Land Opening  
in Montana**

Located near the thriving city of Cut Bank on the main line of the Great Northern Ry. in Teton County, Montana, there have been restored to homestead entry 250,000 acres of the choicest of northern Montana farm land. Results of the 1911 crop in that vicinity, have proven the rich condition of the soil—Oats running 60 bus. per acre, Spring Wheat 25 bus. per acre with Winter Wheat 45 to 50 bus. per acre, Rye 20 bus. per acre, and Flax about 15 bus. per acre.

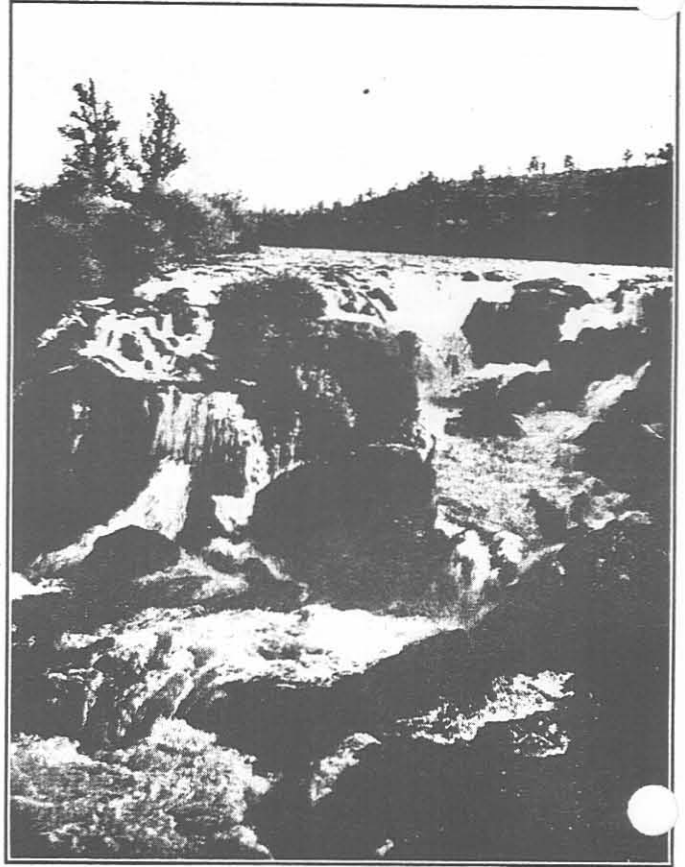
All this land was thrown open to file on November 20th, 1911, and is there waiting for the homesteader. There is no lottery connected with this land opening—you simply file on the piece of vacant land you pick out as the best, and it is yours—subject to the conditions of the Homestead Laws of the United States Government. The soil in the district just thrown open to entry is mostly of a rich yellow sandy loam with a stiff sod, having a heavy clay subsoil with a large percentage of lime in its composition. The latest Government rain fall maps show an average yearly precipitation of twenty inches in this vicinity being considerably more than the average for the state.

There is an opportunity here for you—look into it.

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A BIT OF CENTRAL OREGON SCENERY—  
CLINE FALLS IN THE DES CHUTES RIVER

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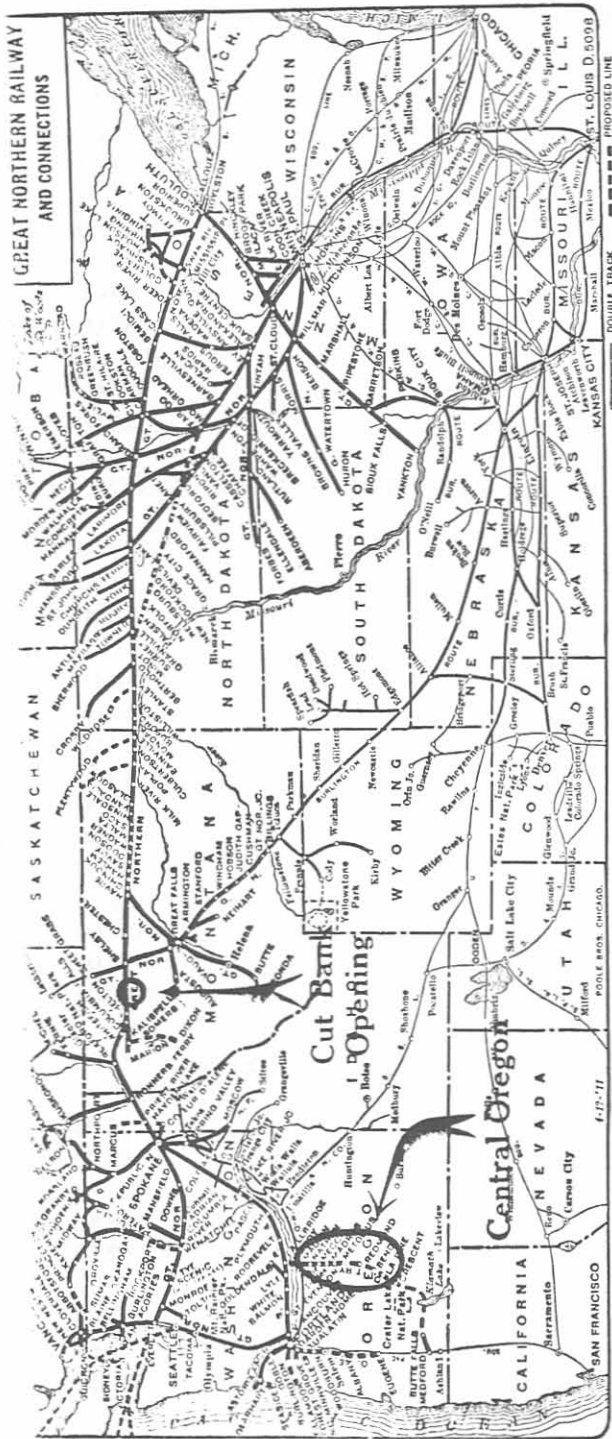
*Please send me the new publications on Montana and Oregon, which you are giving free distribution.*

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Condensed Outline Map of the Great Northern Railway and Connections