

UNITED STATES TO NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

Patent No.232.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, By the Act of Congress, approved July 2, 1864, entitled "An act granting land to aid in the construction of a Railroad and Telegraph Line from Lake Superior to Puget Sound on the Pacific Coast, by the Northern route," and the Joint Resolution of May 31, 1870, there was granted to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company its successors and assigns, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of said railroad and telegraph line, and branch, to the Pacific Coast, "every alternate section of public land, not mineral, designated by odd numbers, to the amount of twenty alternate sections per mile on each side of said railroad line, as said Company may adopt, through the Territories of the United States, and ten alternate sections of land per mile on each side of said railroad whenever it passes through any State and whenever on the line thereof, the United States have full title, not reserved, sold, granted, or otherwise appropriated, and free from pre-emption, or other claims or rights, at the time the line of said road is definitely fixed, and a plat thereof filed in the office of the Commissioner of the General Land Office;" and

WHEREAS, Official Statements from the Secretary of the Interior have been filed in the General Land Office, showing that the Commissioners appointed by the President, under the provisions of the fourth section of the first-named act, have reported to him that the said Northern Pacific Railroad and Telegraph Line, and Branch, excepting that portion between Wallula, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, declared forfeited by the Act of September 29, 1890, have been constructed and fully completed and equipped in the manner prescribed by the Act relative thereto, and the same accepted by the President; and

WHEREAS, There has been filed in the office of the Secretary of the Interior evidence showing that the Northern Pacific Railway Company is the lawful successor in interest of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company as to all lands within the limits of the grant made to the said Northern Pacific Railroad Company by the Act of July 2, 1864, and all subsequent legislation; and

WHEREAS, Certain tracts of land have been listed under the Acts aforesaid by the duly authorized agent of said Northern Pacific Railroad, now Northern Pacific Railway Company, as shown by his original list, approved by the local land officers, and now on file in the General Land Office; and

WHEREAS, Said tracts of land lie coterminous to the constructed line of road, and are particularly described as follows, to wit:

WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN-----WASHINGTON. Township Seven north, Range Five east.

The Section one, containing six hundred seventy-eight and thirty-two-hundredths acres; the Section three, containing six hundred seventy-three and eight-hundredths acres; the Section five, containing six hundred seventy-seven and eighty-four-hundredths acres; the Section seven, containing six hundred twenty-three and sixty-eight-hundredths acres; the Section nine, containing six hundred forty acres; the Section eleven, containing six hundred forty acres; the Section thirteen, containing six hundred forty acres; the Section fifteen, containing six hundred forty acres; the Section seventeen, containing six hundred forty acres; the Section nineteen, containing six hundred twenty-two and thirty-six-hundredths acres; the Section twenty-one, containing six hundred forty acres; the section twenty-three, containing six hundred forty acres; the Section twenty-five, containing five hundred sixty and forty-seven-hundredths acres; the Section twenty-seven, containing five hundred eighty-two and fifteen-hundredths acres; the Lots one, two, five, six, seven, eight, and nine, the north half of the northwest quarter, and the northeast quarter of Section twenty-nine, containing four hundred