

EXCHANGE OF LAND OFFERED STATES

Federal Government Desirous of Keeping Forest Reserves Compact.

LARGE AREAS INVOLVED

Forester Graves Points Out Advantage to Both Sides—Surveyed Lands Will Require Authority of Congress.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, Nov. 11.—Henry S. Graves, Chief Forester of the Government, is desirous of entering into agreements with all the Western states whereby the states may relinquish to the Government their scattered school sections in the National forests and take in exchange an equal area of forest reserve lands in compact form. Negotiations to this end are now under way in Idaho, and also in South Dakota, but as yet none of the states has made application for an exchange.

It has been held by the legal advisers of the Government that state lands within forest reserves may be exchanged if the lands have not been surveyed, but, surveyed lands, title to which has formally passed to the states, cannot be exchanged, according to Congress. This authority has not yet been given, though several attempts have been made to pass a bill of this character. In fact, such a bill twice passed the House of Representatives, but has always been defeated in the Senate. Senator Heyburn, who contends that the states have no constitutional right to return to the Government sections 16 and 36, granted them under their respective enabling acts.

Compact Forests Desirable.

In speaking of the proposed exchange, Forester Graves said:

"We are desirous of making the National forests as compact as possible, in the interests of good administration. We are not ready now to negotiate with the states of unsurveyed lands and are strongly hopeful that Congress will authorize the exchange of surveyed lands. Such exchanges not only will benefit the Federal Government but the states as well, for it will give the states compact holdings in the scattered and in most part isolated sections which cannot be readily sold, and which can be administered only with difficulty."

The extent to which some of the Western states are interested in this proposed exchange may be gauged from the following table. It must be borne in mind that the exact amount of state land today included in National forests cannot be determined without a vast amount of clerical labor, but as each state has granted sections 16 and 36 for school purposes, it is, or was entitled to be granted, of "such ownership" as there are approximately one-eighteenth of the area of each National forest is state lands. On that basis the states named would be entitled to exchange lands as follows, but for the fact that some of the states have already disposed of many of their holdings:

State	Acreage	Amount of State Land
Oregon	13,363,532	1,000,000
Washington	12,607,840	700,000
Idaho	12,941,171	1,000,000
Montana	12,607,840	1,000,000
Wyoming	27,668,510	1,000,000
Utah	7,411,157	450,000

Some Exchanges Already Made.

The figures in the last column are only approximate, as the amounts do not include the amount of land the states would be entitled to exchange if they had disposed of none of their forest reserve lands in the past. Oregon and California, however, have to date disposed of about 75 per cent of their un-surveyed forest reserve lands by using them as base for new surveys and about 50 per cent of the Washington lands have been similarly disposed of, according to the Forest Service, while smaller alienations have taken place in other states named. However, each state still has enough lands remaining to warrant the exchange and the Forest Service stands ready to negotiate with the states in this regard.

The process will be, in each instance to proceed as has been done in Idaho and South Dakota. The state must first apply for the exchange, and then the state and Federal authorities must come together upon terms under which the exchange will be made. There was no difficulty about this in Idaho or South Dakota, and it is presumed there will be no difficulty elsewhere. After the basis of exchange is agreed upon and the agreement signed by the Governor, on the one hand, and the Chief Forester on the other, a representative of the Forest Service will be appointed to determine the amount of land which can be exchanged, and then to determine what lands shall be selected by the state in lieu of its relinquishment of scattered areas to the Government.

Fair Exchange Proposed.

The aim of the Forest Service is to give to the state, in compact form, a section of one or more National forests approximating in value the value of the lands turned back to the Government by the state, and land that represents the average character of land which goes back to the Government in exchange. It required more than a year to carry on this field work in South Dakota and probably the same time will be required here, for usually the representatives of the two governments will find it necessary to inspect most of the National forests in a state, and determine upon lands which the state can use to advantage once they are turned over.

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Chells School War Waxes.

MONTESANO, Wash., Nov. 11.—(Special)—The war between the County Superintendent of Schools and the County Commissioners of Chells County is still on. At their regular

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PORTLAND ARTISTS LIKED

Washington State College Folk Enjoy Painting and Works of Sculpture.

STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, Wash., Nov. 11.—(Special)—Portland artists are popular at Pullman this week, the exhibit under the auspices of the college featuring Century Club containing some 60 original paintings, and many beautiful works of sculpture. This is the second time such an exhibit has been offered at the college, and the present one is the best which has ever been presented.

Among the Portland exhibitors, of whom there are 13, are Miss Edna Cranston Hreyman, who exhibits "From the Heights," "The Road to the Sea," "Marine," and "Early Evening." Anna Bell Crocker presents three paintings, "Child," "Sonya," and "Helen." Helen Stell Dummond exhibits "Grassy Hill Farm," "Grassy Hill," "Low Lands," "From Portland Heights."

La Grande Man Slashes Friend.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Nov. 11.—(Special)—James Slack is near death as a result of stabbing at the hands of a friend, George Craig, a fellow employee at the sugar factory. Slack is in the hospital and Craig is in jail.

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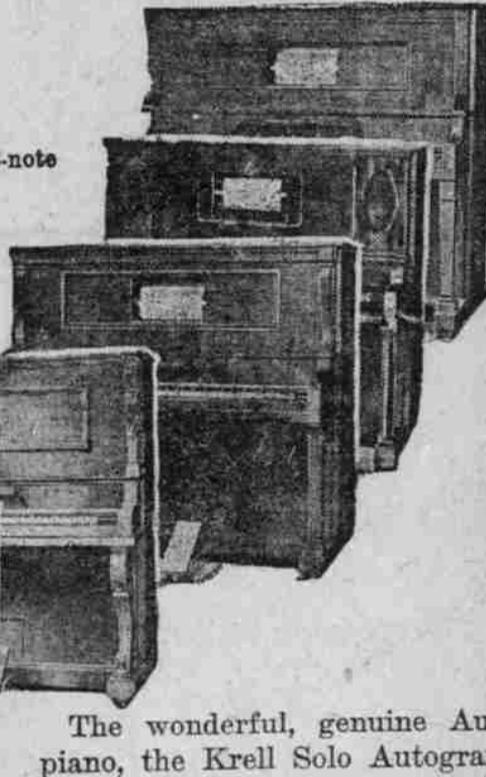
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The sale of player pianos resulting from this exhibition was unprecedented in the history of the United States; the makers of seventeen different factories were shown.

These were enormous success, and the public almost unanimously stipulated that the hitherto high prices

had prevented many a home from owning a Krell Autogrand, Weber Pianola Pianos and Player Pianos de Luxe, and dozens of other makers which, because of reduced price, were then placed within reach of many others than the homes of the exceedingly wealthy.

The sale of player pianos proved so overwhelmingly large that the available player pianos combine managed to secure against Eilers Music House a temporary monopoly of the market.

It was necessary to make to maintain the hitherto high prices and to prevent Eilers Music House from offering such pianos for less than the regular price.

It was found that Eilers Music House could afford to sell them for considerably less and still make a living profit. This injunction was finally dissolved in September, 1911, under a stipulation.

Eilers Music House, so as not to disturb com-

petitors in many sections of the United States, has agreed to sell certain makes of instruments, even though brand new, as so-called "second-hand."

It is in the present exhibition and sale there are numerous fine new instruments for which \$900 and \$1000 are now marked on the shelves which are now marked by Eilers Music House as "second-hand" and priced almost uniformly 25 per cent below the big retail price demanded by manufacturers.

Eilers Music House has been in position to demonstrate more forcibly and unequivocally its ability to furnish pianos for less money, as the great majority of the public is asked elsewhere for the same thing.

It is difficult, frequently, for a buyer who finds no room in his house to buy in Eilers Music House at a low price to determine with certainty that the same is as good or better than instruments of corresponding grade, but bearing other names and for which so much more is asked by round-about dealers.

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