SETTLER IS HELD HELP TO FORESTS

Secretary Wilson Says Policy Is to Eucourage Farming Within Reserves.

MORE PEOPLE ARE NEEDED

Value Lies in Their Use of Products and Aid in Protecting Timber. Extensive Classification Is Planned.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 8.—The handling and disposition of agricultural lands in forest reservations is discussed at some length in the annual report of the Secretary of Agriculture, and the assertion is made that in the past three years, since a systematic elimination of agricultural lands was begun, about 10,000,000 acres have been eliminated, and opened to entry. It is further asserted that of the land now remaining in reserves and in Government ownership, not to exceed 4,000,000 acres is agricultural in character. There are, in round numbers, 22,000,000 acres of private owned lands in the reserves today.

In making eliminations, the Secretary says that an effort has been made to eliminate all important non-timbered lands chiefly valuable for agriculture and situated along the borders of the forests, or running back from the borders into the forests. Of the Government land in reserves and held by the department to be susceptible of cultivation, the Secretary says a large percentage is now heavily timbered. "Such lands are at present not being opened to settlement," says the Secretary, "because to open them would be simply to turn them over to timber speculators. To prevent an indefinite tying up of the land because of its timber value, the department as soon as possible will sell off the timber, and then list them for the benefit of bona fide homesteaders."

Settlers Are Help to Forests.

The Secretary adds that "agricultural development within the forests is highly desirable, not only because it carries out the fundamental principle of putting every kind of land to its most productive use, but also because the administration of the forests is made easier by the presence of settlers.

"A forest put to work is a very different thing from a wilderness," he says, and continues: "The more people living in the forest the better. They are needed to use the resources. They are needed to help protect the forests. There is every reason why the settlement of lands more valuable for agricultural use than for forest should be welcomed and facilitated."

It seems that last April Secretary Wilson gave his approval to what he terms a comprehensive plan of land classification work for the general determination of agricultural lands within the forest reservations. Under this plan the lands will be gone over by various specialists of the Department of Agriculture, not only the representatives of the Bureau of Forestry, but of the Bureau of Soils and of other bureaus, and "a complete scientific determination will be made, not only of the relative value of the land for field crops and for forest crops, but also of the relative value of different areas for farming, and of the kind of farming that will be most successful."

In other words, it is the purpose of the department to say what lands in reserves may be homesteaded, and what crops the homesteader may grow after he settles upon the land. Congress appropriated $25,000 for this classification work last session and the Secretary urges a much larger appropriation for the coming year.

Exchange of Lands Desired.

The Secretary in his report also mentions the effort to consolidate the National forests by exchanging lands with the states for their scattered school sections that now dot the reserves. Plans are under way and nearing completion under which the states of South Dakota and Idaho are to relinquish to the Government sections 16 and 36 in the forest reserves and secure in exchange compact bodies of lands on the borders of the reserves, equal in area and value to the lands turned over to the Government. Negotiations are on with other states for similar exchanges, so the department hopes ultimately to perfect such arrangements with all the public land states. It is also the desire of the Department to make exchanges with private owners of lands in forest reservations, so that they, too, may be removed from the interior and placed on lands around the borders.

The total receipts from forest reserves last year amounted to more than $2,100,000. Twenty-five per cent of that amount goes to the states in which the reserves are located, as county, school and road funds, and an additional 10 per cent were made available by Congress for constructing roads and trails within the reserves. A continuation of this practice is recommended.

Not two acres per 1000 were burned over during the calendar year 1911, according to the report, and on only a small area was much merchantable timber destroyed. The total fire damage for the year is estimated at $255,000.

Consumption Exceeds Growth.

The department estimates that the total stand of timber on all the National forests, including Alaska, is the equivalent of 600 billion cubic feet. The Bureau of Corporations estimates the existing supply of saw timber in the United States at less than 3000 billion feet, equivalent to 500 billion cubic feet. "Economists now recognize," says the Secretary, "that, taking the world over, wood consumption exceeds its growth, and that a crisis approaches. In 1911 the United States exported domestic forest products to a total value of more than $100,000,000, of which Europe took more than $55,000,000 worth and South America about $25,000,000 worth.

"All the countries of eastern Europe must import timber to meet the excess of their needs over the home supply. Meanwhile, with an estimated home consumption of 23,000,000,000 cubic feet of wood annually, our depleted and abused forests are producing by growth probably less than 7,000,000,000 feet."

THE NEW SLIPPER WATCH

Latest Thing in Footwear, and Keeps Milady Informed.

New York Herald.

Watches carried in bracelets, card cases and parasol handles are no longer a novelty, but a new resting place for a timepiece has been found in the buckle of milady's slipper. Mrs. Augustine Robinson, of Lucerne, 201 West Seventy-ninth street, believes she will be the first to introduce the fashion here. When she is at a party and wishes to know if the hour has arrived for which she has ordered her automobile, she has only to advance the right foot just a little way and a downward glance at her slipper watch will tell her.

The particular slipper carrying the watch is of blue satin to match an evening gown that Mrs. Robinson has had made for a dinner to be given by the Hungry Club at the Marseilles Hotel, at which she will be the principal guest. Then she and her husband, who is a member of the Produce Exchange, leave for Panama before going abroad for a long trip.

Embedded in the center of a buckle of silver studded with rhinestones and diamond chips is a tiny Swiss watch held securely in grooves. Instead of a watch in the left slipper, Mrs. Robinson will wear a knot of silk to match her gown. The buckles and slippers cost $110.

"Even at the pleasantest party a woman likes occasionally to know the time," said Mrs. Robinson, "and you know we women are not like men, who have half a dozen pockets where they may carry a watch. To ask the time might make one appear rude or bored. So I thought up my little slipper watch, at which I can glance unnoticed."

IDAHO GROOMS HAWLEY

GOVERNOR IS ADVANCED FOR SECRETARY OF INTERIOR.

Boise Commercial Club Urges All Northwest to Join in Indorsing Gem State Executive.

BOISE, Ida., Dec. 11.—Governor James H. Hawley, of Idaho, will be pushed forward by Idaho as a candidate for Secretary of the Interior, for although the chief executive of this state has not made a formal announcement of his candidacy for the appointment he is looked upon as the "favorite son" in this state and the Boise Commercial Club has taken the first action to urge his selection by President-elect Woodrow Wilson. Resolutions endorsing the Governor for the post have been passed by the club and sent to the other commercial organizations in Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Montana, asking them to support this state's chief executive.

The indorsement and letter of appeal by the Boise Commercial Club to other organizations in part is as follows:

"The growth of the intermountain country and the Pacific States can be greatly retarded or greatly accelerated by the administration of the public lands of those states. No more serious or weighty problem can be presented which affects the states more than those which deal with the administration of the public land laws and of the great irrigation projects within their limits. It will be a matter of difficulty for any man not thoroughly imbued with the spirit of the West and familiar with its conditions and problems to do justice to these states; to select a man from the East, or even from the South or Middle West, would be detrimental to the interests of those states which are most concerned in the administration of the Secretary of the Interior. It is evident, therefore, that the Interior Department should be presided over by a Western man thoroughly conversant with the problems of the West.

"Citizens of Idaho, regardless of party, desire to present for the consideration of President-elect Wilson the name of Governor James H. Hawley for the appointment of Secretary of the Interior.

"Governor Hawley is a native Westerner, born and reared in Iowa. He came to Idaho as a boy and for half a century has been a factor in the upbuilding of the territory and state. For more than 25 years he has been recognized as a leader of the state bar and is universally regarded as one of the ablest lawyers in the Pacific Northwest. We feel that there is no man in the United States more familiar with the problems which will confront the Interior Department than is Governor Hawley."

The Occasional Chord.

Charles Dickens.

There are chords in the human heart, strange, varying strings, which are only struck by accident; which will remain mute and senseless to appeals the most passionate and earnest, and respond at last to the slightest casual touch. In the most insensible or childish minds there is some train of reflection which art can seldom lead, or skill assist, but which will reveal itself, as great truths have done, by chance, and when the discoverer has the plainest and simplest end in view.

There is a higher duty than to build almshouses for the poor, and that is to save men from being degraded to the blighting influence of an almshouse. Man has a right to something more than bread to keep him from starving. He has a right to the aids and encouragements and culture, by which he may fulfill the destiny of a man, and until society is brought to recognize and reverence this it will continue to groan under its present miseries.

BERGS ARE MENACE

Ice Fields Revealed by "Blink" or Echo From Horns.

BIRDS OR SEALS ALSO SIGN

Tramp Steamers Often Replenish Refrigerators From Bergs, but Danger of Protruding Spear of Ice Makes Practice Rare.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—In an exceedingly interesting book just published, "Steamship Conquest of the World," by Frederick A. Talbot, some interesting statements are made about icebergs. While the mariner has no infallible means of detecting the immediate presence of ice, there are certain signs which may assist him to discover his enemy. As a rule, before the ice is seen from the deck of a vessel its proximity is indicated by the "blink." This is caused by the reflection of the rays of light from the sun or the moon. Under good weather conditions a berg may be seen from a considerable distance. Similarly, on a clear night it may be discerned by the effulgence or light radiated from the mass, while in foggy weather it may be picked up by its apparent blackness, if such a term may be used, as the outline is revealed in a deep shadow through the whiteness of the mist.

If the foghorn or siren is sounded a berg may be discovered and its distance calculated approximately, the time elapsing between the blast of the whistle and the echo, multiplied by 550 will give the distance of the peril. Thus, if two seconds elapse between the blast and the echo, and 550 is multiplied by 2, the result—1100—represents the distance in feet between the berg and the ship.

Absence of Swell Is Warning.

Icebergs often reveal themselves by the sounds produced as they break up, while the absence of swell, or wave motion, in a fresh breeze is an indication of land or ice on the weather side. The appearance of herds of seal, or flocks of birds, far from land betrays the proximity of ice, while a fall in the temperature of the atmosphere and also of the water under certain conditions are useful guides. None of these indications, however, are infallible.

The iceberg has certain uses, though these do not affect the luxurious and modern and speedy liner. Occasionally tramps, when traversing the field, seize the opportunity for obtaining a stock of ice, for their refrigerators, for which purpose it is admirably fitted. If a gale is raging an icefield will form an excellent ice in which to ride safely, as the field will break up the force of the sea like a breakwater.

Edge of Bergs Dangerous.

But the navigator must not dare to approach too closely, because the edge, if it should strike the ship, invariably will crush in its sides like an eggshell. The bergs are propelled on their southward journey almost entirely by the current, and often they will force their way through immense fields of heavy ice. A captain often will attach his boat to the drifting berg with a substantial ice-anchor and a strong towline. In this way he may be towed through the obstruction in safety.

BERLIN THEATER OPENS

NEW "DEUTSCHE OPER" WILL ACCOMMODATE 2300.

Play House, Situated in Most Rich Part of Capital, Erected at Cost of $3,500,000.

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Berlin is now in possession of its third permanent opera establishment. The "Deutsche Oper," a large new house, flung open its doors last Monday. It is the property of the Municipality of Charlottenburg, the biggest and richest of the suburbs comprising "Greater Berlin." With a seating capacity of 2300, the Deutsche Oper is easily the largest theater in Germany, and all its appointments are on the same elaborate scale, including a particularly spacious stage. Beethoven's "Fidelio" was chosen for the opening programme, and it was given before a distinguished audience of impresarios, conductors and artistic personalities from the four quarters of Europe.

The new opera house represents an investment of $3,500,000. Germany is again in the throes of an epidemic of theatrical bankruptcies, and there are many doubts whether Charlottenburg's ambitious enterprise will prove commercially justifiable. Charlottenburg is famed among German cities as the residence of millionaires. The city is well equipped to pay deficits, if the big new "plant" out on the Kaiser-Damm reveals a capacity for producing balances on the wrong side of the ledger. The Kaiser has to delve deeply into his personal fortune to maintain the Royal Opera of Berlin, and no other operatic enterprise in town has hitherto been a financial success.

The New German Theater Directory, which has just made its annual appearance, furnishes interesting statistics about German taste in operas and plays. Richard Wagner still holds the lead in the operatic realm, with a total of 1815 performances of his various works during the period under analysis. He is badly out-distanced in the field of operetta by Franz Lehar and Leo Fall, who scored 3100 performances apiece. Johann Strauss follows with 1379 and Signor Puccini with 850.

Herr Karl Schonherr, whose religious drama, "Faith and Home," was made famous by the approbation of the Kaiser, is at the head of the playwrights with 1623 performances of his pieces, closely pursued by Schiller with 1584. Shakespeare—"our own," as the Germans call him—is still a potent box-office attraction, 1042 of his plays having been produced. Herrman Sudermann scored a total of 991 and Oskar Blumenthal, a contemporary humorist, 739. Goethe is able to boast of only 700 productions, which is the same record attained by the Hungarian, Melchior Lengyel, author of the successful Japanese play, "Typhoon." Hauptmann, Ibsen and Kadelburg reached 600 performances apiece, Bjornson 486, and Frank Wedekind, dramatist of despair, drew royalties from 215 productions.

Glove Drags Arm Into Knives.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Dell Cooper, a former Chehalis sawmill man, lost his right arm yesterday at McCleary, while in the employ of the Chehalis Fir Door Company. He was working over a planer at the time, his glove catching in the machine and his arm being drawn in after it.

Flowers of Egypt.

London Mail.

In a suburb of Cairo stands the National Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, founded 50 years ago by a Frenchman known as Mariette Bey. One department is devoted to an interesting collection of specimens of plants which have been found in the sepulchral monuments of that country.

It is remarkable that, although the botanical collection is large and contains many varieties, every plant is still to be found growing in the valley of the Nile. Moreover, the closest examination fails to reveal the slightest difference between the plants that flourished 50 centuries ago, and those which the traveler sees today on the banks of the river.

Flowers such as the boy Moses or the children of Joseph picked still bloom unchanged. There are to be seen here blue sprays of larkspur which loving hands laid upon the bodies of those who died one thousand years before Abraham and Sarah went into Egypt.

In the tombs of later date have been found, together with apparently simple ornamental flowers, such as hollyhocks and chrysanthemums, the various fruits, vegetables and grains for which the land has ever been renowned, such as figs, dates, olives, grapes, pomegranates, onions, barley and wheat. Around the necks and upon the breasts of those who died at the time when Solomon reigned in Jerusalem, about 1000 B. C., were found garlands of celery, which does not appear to have been used at that time as a vegetable by the Egyptians.

Language of Diplomacy.

New York Sun.

The English language has superseded French at the American Embassy, and for the first time in 25 years the diplomatic business of the United States in France is being conducted in the mother tongue. Myron T. Herrick, the new Embassador, is not as familiar with French as he wants to be, and when he presented his credentials to President Fallieres he spoke in English.

Embassador Herrick immediately looked for a precedent, and discovered not only that an American Embassador to France a quarter of a century ago used English in his official business, but he found actual instructions from Washington demanding that English be written and spoken at the Embassy here.

Official documents for the Foreign Office are now written in English and are accompanied by French translations.

John Campbell, of Pittsburg, locomotive engineer, deserves to be put on the roll of industrial honor. He ran an engine for 48 years without ever killing a human being, and without even injuring any person sufficiently to draw blood. He was never suspended or censured by his employers during his long career as engineman, which recently terminated happily when he retired from the position which he had so honored.

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F. T. CROWE & CO., 45 Fourth st.

CLOTHING—MEN'S, BOYS'.
BARON-FULOP CO., 32 and 34 N. Fifth.

DRY GOODS.
FLEISCHNER-MAYER CO., 207 Ash st.

ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES.
STUBBS ELECTRIC CO., 6th and Pine sts.

DRUGGIST.
Clarke-Woodward Drug Co., Alder at W. Park.
Blumauer-Frank Drug Co., Park & Everett.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT.
A. G. LONG, 16th and Marshall.

FIREPROOF WINDOWS AND DOORS.
J. C. BAYER, Front and Market sts.

FISH, OYSTERS AND ICE.
MALARKEY & CO., Inc., 149 Front st.
PORTLAND FISH CO., 34 Front st.

FLOUR MILLS.
CROWN MILLS, Board of Trade bldg.

FRUIT AND PRODUCE.
M'EWEN & KOSKEY, 129 Front.

FURNACES—WARM AIR.
J. C. BAYER, Front and Market Sts.

FURNITURE AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.
Northwest School Furniture Co., 244 3d.

GRAIN MERCHANTS.
ALBERS Bros. Milling Co., Front & Marshall.
KERR, GIFFORD & CO., Lewis bldg.
BALFOUR-GUTHRIE & CO., Board of Trade.
M. H. HOUSER, Board of Trade.
NORTHERN GRAIN & WHSE. CO., Bd. Tr.
THE W. A. GORDON CO., Board of Trade.

GROCERIES.
ALLEN & LEWIS (Est. 1851), 46 N. Front.
WADHAMS & Co., 69-75 4th st.

HARDWARE.
Marshall-Wells Hardware Co., 5th and Pine.

HATS AND CAPS.
THANHAUSER HAT CO., 53-55 Front st.

HAY.
J. H. Klosterman & Co., Leading hay dealers.

HIDES, FURS, PELTS, WOOL, TALLOW.
THE H. F. NORTON CO., 312-15 Front st.

HIDES, PELTS, WOOL AND FURS.
BISSINGER & CO., Front and Salmon.
KAHN BROS., 191 Front street.

HOP MERCHANTS.
M'NEFF BROTHERS, 614 Worcester bldg.

IRON, STEEL, HEAVY HARDWARE.
ROBERTSON Hardware & Steel Co., 68 5th.

LEATHER AND SHOE STORE SUPPLIES.
HERTSCHE BROS., 304 Pine st.

LIME, CEMENT AND PLASTER.
Nottingham & Co., 102 Front st.

LOGGING MACHINERY.
F. B. MALLORY & CO., 231 Pine st.
Loggers & Contractors' Mach. Co., 71 5th st.

LUBRICATING OILS.
Balfour, Guthrie & Co., Board of Trade.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S NECKWEAR.
COLUMBIA Neckwear Mfg. Co., 85 Fifth st.

MAIL ORDER.
JONES CASH STORE, Front and Oak.
FRANKLIN & CO., 132 Front st.

MEN'S FURNISHING GOODS.
NEUSTADTER BROS.

MILLINERY.
B. O. CASE & CO., 5th and Oak.
BRADSHAW BROS., Morrison and 7th sts.

NOTIONS AND FANCY GOODS.
MILLER, SIMINGTON, Calhoun Co., 45 4th.

ORNAMENTAL IRON AND WIRE.
Portland Wire & Iron Wks., 2d & Columbia.
E. Port'd Wire & Iron Wks., Belmont & Water.

PAINTS AND WALL PAPER.
PIONEER PAINT CO., 186 Front st.

PAINTS, OILS AND VARNISHES.
W. P. FULLER & CO., 12th and Davis.

PAPER BOXES AND SHELF BOXES.
Portland Paper Box Co., 92 Front. Cartons.

PERIODICALS, BOOKS AND POSTCARDS.
THE OREGON NEWS CO., 71 Front st.

PICKLES AND VINEGAR.
KNIGHT PACKING CO., 474 East Alder.

PIPE, PIPE FITTING AND VALVES.
M. L. KLINE, 84-86 Front st.

PLUMBING AND STEAM SUPPLIES.
M. L. KLINE, 84-86 Front st.
M. BARDE & SONS, 240 Front st.

POULTRY, EGGS, CALVES, HOGS.
HENRY EVERDING, 45-47 Front st.

ROPE AND BINDER TWINE.
Portland Cordage Co., 14th and Northrup.

SAND AND GRAVEL.
COLUMBIA DIGGER CO., Ft. Ankeny st.

SASH, DOORS AND GLASS.
W. P. FULLER & CO., 12th and Davis.

SAWMILL MACHINERY.
PORTLAND Iron Works, 14th and Northrup.

SPRAYING MACHINERY.
THE HARDIE MFG. CO., 49 N. Front st.

WALL PAPER.
Ernest Miller Wall Paper Co., 172 1st st.
MORGAN WALL PAPER CO., 232 Second.

WINES AND LIQUORS.
JOHN ECKLUND, 123-125 First st.
BLUMAUER & HOCH, 105-107 12th st.

WIRE AND WIRE ROPE.
JOHN A. Roebling's Sons Co., 89 5th st.

WIRE AND IRON WORKS.
Portland Wire & Iron Wks., 2d & Columbia.

COQUILLE HIGH SCHOOL CLOSES FIRST SEASON OF FOOTBALL, MAKING CREDITABLE SHOWING WITH INITIAL TEAM.

GRIDIRON ELEVEN, OF COQUILLE HIGH SCHOOL.

COQUILLE, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The members of the Coquille High School football team shown above are as follows: Standing, "Duke" Miller, coach; seated, upper row, Knowlton, Laurence, E. Leslie, Miller; middle, Mast; lower row, Dunham, Kern, Reynolds, K. Leslie, Aker, Davenport, Watson. This is the first year the local High School has played football. Two games were played with Myrtle Point, the first being won by a score of 13 to 7 and the second lost by 7 to 0. Coquille lost to Marshfield by 7 to 13, but tied the same team in a second game.

CLASSIFIED AD. RATES

Daily or Sunday.

	Per Line.
One Time	12c
Same ad two consecutive times	22c
Same ad three consecutive times	30c
Same ad six or seven consecutive times	56c

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Situations Wanted, Male.
Situations Wanted, Female.
For Rent, Rooms, Private Families.
Rooms and Board, Private Families.
Housekeeping Rooms, Private Families.

When one advertisement is not run in consecutive issues the one-time rate applies.

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The Oregonian will accept classified advertisements over the telephone, providing the advertiser is a subscriber to either phone. No prices will be quoted over the phone, but bill will be rendered the following day. Whether subsequent advertisements will be accepted over the phone depends upon the promptness of the payment of telephone advertisements. Situations Wanted and Personal advertisements will not be accepted over the telephone. Orders for one insertion only will be accepted for "Houses for Rent," "Furniture for Sale," "Business Opportunities," "Rooming Houses," and "Wanted to Rent."

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With Eczema. Watery Blisters, Disfigured and Sore. Could Not Put Them in Water. Cuticura Soap and Ointment Cured.

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