RESERVES INVALID

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So Far as the Latest Proclamations of President Roosevelt is Concerned.

An organized effort is to be made to have the proclamations of President Roosevelt creating vast forest reservations during the closing hours of the sessions of the last congress declared invalid. Competent and highly paid attorneys have been retained and the legal fight is expected to be one of the most interesting that has developed in many years.

The fight over forest reservations and the alleged land frauds in the west is still fresh in the minds of the general public. Smarting under resentment and the attitude of the pre ident in opposition of their wishes relative to the management of the big reserves, the senate inserted a provision in the agricultural appropriation bill providing that the president should no longer be empowered to create forest reserves without the consent of congress. Six states are named in this prohibition, including Washington, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Montana and Colorado. The prohibition was embodied deep into the agricultural appropriation bill, so that the president could not veto it without vetoing the whole measure and thus stripping the agricultural department of every cent of appropriation for a year.

Th president felt the action of the congress keenly. He determined however, to go them one better. The bill was not passed until within the last few days of the session. He issued a proclamation which converted into the forest reserves of the country no less than 17,000,000 acres. This was practically every acre of timber land that amounts to anything in he six states which were mentioned in the bill, covering these vast acres of land were issued two days before the president signed the agricultural appropriation bill. If this was so it is now true that no one has ever been able to get hold of the original of the big blanket proclamation nor of the originals of the proclamations which are now being turned out by the public printer covering each of the different reservations. It is hinted strongly that the proclamations were not in fact issued before the president signed the agricultural appropriation bill. If this could be established there is no warrant in law nor authority for the creation of the reserves.

Always in the past in creating forest reserves, the proclamation has set forth distinctly the exact boundaries of the proposed reserves by metes and bounds. In the proclamations now being printed the boundaries are referred to simply "as shown in the accompanying diagram." Then accompanying the proclamations is a diagram. This is held not to be legal by the men who are fighing the creation of the reserves and they propose to test the matter in the courts.

Although they are not saying much about this feature of the case, there is reason for believing that the same attorneys who have been preparing for the test of the action of the president have run against a condition which if the test is attempted, may invalidate the entire agricultural appropriation bill. It seems that President Roosevelt did not sign the bill until 9 o'clock Monday morning March 4. He took the pains of making the date clear and of putting the time down 9:43 a m. He evidently did this so as to make it clear that he did not sign the bill until after the proclamation creating the desired forest reserves had been issued. Now it is said he may have invalidate the entire bill, as the congress adjourned on the legislative day of March 2. It is argued that, on the afternoon of March 4 the new congress came into existence and the newly elected members began to draw their pay and the old members, whose term expired, ceased to draw pay. Hence it may be urged that, constructively, the date of March 4 belongs to the new congress and not to the old one and that a bill could not bear date of March 4 and be valid when the old congress adjourned on the legislative day of March 2.

It is said there is no exact precedent for the situation thus developed. The nearest approach to it is back in the Lincoln administration, when Lincoln signed the bill known as the capture and abandoned property act ten days after the adjournment of the congress and so indicated in affixing his signature. That bill stood the test of the court of claims but never was tested in the United States Supreme court.—Umpqua Valley News.

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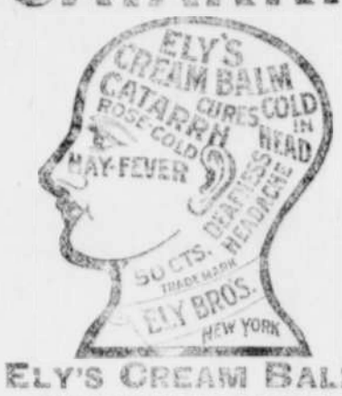

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3:18	8:40	12	Star	917	10:40	4:37
3:26	8:50	13.5	Wicks	946	10:33	4:25
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