

FOREST WILL BE UTILIZED

GOVERNMENT TO SELL TIMBER

Land on Which Trees Stand is More Valuable For Agriculture Than For Forest—Can Be Homesteaded After the Timber is Cut.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—The government is selling 247,000,000 board feet of timber in the Priest River valley of the Kanikau National Forest, Idaho. This sale differs from most of those made by the government in handling its national forest timber business. Not merely the ripe timber will be sold to make room for a new crop, but on part of the area the purchasers will be expected to take everything in sight, after the time-honored fashion of most lumbering that is done on private lands. In short, the forest will be destroyed.

In the Kanikau sale part of the area will be clear-cut because the land is more valuable for agriculture than for forests. Stamp land in the same neighborhood sells for as high as \$40 to \$50 an acre; sometimes even more. While the present stand of timber on the best land within the forest is, according to the forest service, in general worth more than the land apart from the timber, the annual returns obtainable from farm crops make agriculture the best form of use for this land.

To open to homestead entry land with from \$5000 to \$6000 worth of timber on each homestead unit, as is the case on many of the homestead areas of the Kanikau tends to put a premium on its entry by timber speculators. From the speculators they go to lumber companies and the latter may hold back agricultural development either by keeping the timber intact for a long period or by cutting the land clear and then holding it at a price which the prospective homebuilder looking for cheap land to develop cannot pay. Therefore the government does not open to entry heavily timbered agricultural land on national forests until after the timber has been cut off.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

Provisions of New Forest Fire Law Outlined.

(Special to The Bend Bulletin.) SALEM, March 24.—It has been brought to the attention of the state forester that some unscrupulous timber brokers are misrepresenting the provisions of the compulsory patrol law which was enacted by the recent legislative assembly and becomes effective June 2. Owners of timber claims have been told that under the new law it will be necessary for them to keep a patrolman on their claims all summer at their own expense, and this has been urged as a reason for sacrifice sales.



OREGON WELL REPRESENTED IN THE PERMANENT ST. PAUL AGRICULTURAL DISPLAY FROM "ZONE OF PLENTY."

Oregon will no doubt derive great and lasting benefits from the permanent display of grains and grasses in the exhibition room of the Northwest Development League in St. Paul. Splendid samples of wheat, oats, flax, rye and barley were part of the state's magnificent agricultural exhibit at the recent Minneapolis and Chicago land shows and were brought East for display purposes by the Great Northern Railway. Commercial organizations, the railroads and the Development League are carrying on an extensive publicity campaign to attract the attention of visitors in the Twin City to the display of the products of the soil of the American Northwest and it is likely thousands of people will view the exhibit annually.

One of the features of the Oregon exhibit is a sample of fall rye seven feet high. Varieties of oats include Mammoth Cluster, Storm King and Silver Mine. White Bonanza is also shown in the display. Crail Five, Big Club, Blue Stem and Red Club varieties of wheat are well featured in the Oregon grain exhibit. Excellent flax samples and six row barley form a part of the display. Shelled grains in glass jars complete the grain exhibit. Grass samples include

timothy, red clover, alsike, alfalfa, bunch grass, blue joint and brome. In the Oregon exhibit are a large number of jars containing fine samples of processed fruits of different varieties. The forests have provided an exhibit of woods of several kinds. The exhibition room is well supplied with Oregon literature descriptive of the state in general and by communities. The exhibit is open morning, afternoon and evening and representatives of the League give information about the states of Oregon, Minnesota, Montana, Washington, Idaho and the Dakotas, the seven states which the Development League is seeking to advance.

Statements of this kind are made purely for the purpose of stimulating the sale of timber lands, says the state forester, thus increasing the business and incidentally the commissions of timber brokers.

The law provides that every timber land owner in the state, not residing within one and one half miles of his property, shall furnish a sufficient patrol therefor during the dry season, and that in case he fails to do so the state forester shall provide the same at a cost not to exceed 5 cents per acre per annum. Any amount so paid by the estate shall be a lien upon the land and shall be collected with the next taxes.

It is obvious that the maximum expense to the owner of a quarter section of timber land can not exceed \$8 a year, an amount that should scare no owner into disposing of his timber claim at a sacrifice, says the forester.

"One of the best ways for timber land owners to comply with the law is to join county fire patrol associations that have been organized in most of the timbered counties of the state," he says. "It is expected that

every timbered county will have such an organization before the fire season arrives. The experience of the associations, some of which have been in existence for four years, proves that adequate patrol can be secured at a cost of from 1 1/2 to 3 1/2 cents an acre, and if all of the timber land owners join, the acreage will be materially decreased. Protection from fire at a cost of \$3 or \$4 per quarter section should be welcomed by all timber land owners, and it is hoped that no one will be induced to sell their holdings through misrepresentations made by unreliable timber brokers for the selfish purpose of increasing commissions."

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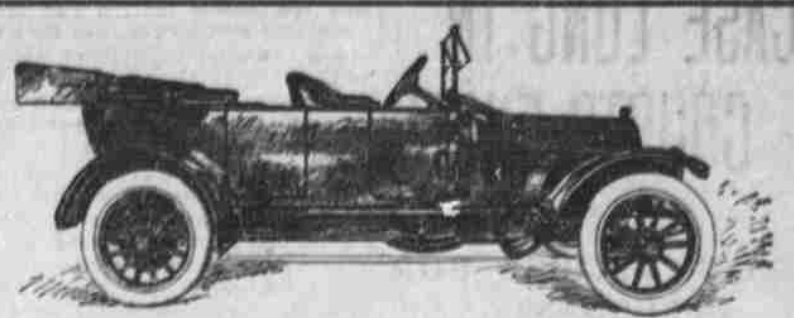
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