USE OF FOREST EIGHTH GRADE

IS STATED

Secretary Lane Announces Attitude Concerning Lands in National Reserves Chiefly Valuable for Agriculturists-For Maximum Use

The following extracts from the rewith regard to lands in the national forests which are chiefly valtable for farming and therefore escially interesting in this section so much land is comprised

ithin the forest reserves: It is the department's policy to make available for settlement all ands which are chiefly valuable for arming. In order to open such areas careful classification is being made. arge tracts found to be valuable for agriculture or unsuited for permanent forest purposes are eliminated. During the last five years about 14,-000,000 acres have been released. n addition, individual tracts are clasoffed and opened to entry upon application of home seekers. Since the work was begun more than 1,-000,000 acres have been made available for the benefit of 18,000 set-

"In short, lands within the forests really adapted to agriculture are being occupied as homesteads under javorable conditions. While the ands suited to settlement are classified and opened to entry, those which are not chiefly valuable for agriculture are retained in public not to settlement but to speculation and to increasing the holdings of private timber owners would defeat the very purposes for which the forests were established.

The real agricultural problem within and near the forests is to make possible the successful occupancy and development of the lands that already have been opened to entry or actually patented. The mere private ownership of land does not insure successful use of it. In Oregon and Washington alone there are about 3,000 acres of logged-off land, much of it agricultural in character, now lying idle. In this condition speculative holding of the land for higher prices plays a large part. Another cause is the lack of transportaland and raise crops upon it, but he is helpless if he cannot market them. There are great areas of fertile land unused today on this account. In many sections near the national forests pioneer conditions still exist. The population is small and the task of road building is beyond the means of the residents. There is little or no demand for timber, and the receipts from the forests which go to the community are small. The fact that the public property is not subnakes such comfect to taxation munities feel, and very justly, that the forests are not contributing enough to local development.

This situation should be changed. Assistance should be given in the building of roads to bring into productive use the resources of such reglons. Therefore, the suggestion contained in the last annual report is repeated, that upon a showing of public necessity appropriations be made for specific roads and similar improvements, to be charged against the States future share of receipts from the forests. Such action would promote the local development of agriculture and other recources.

To secure the maximum use of the lands still in Pederal ownership further legislation is needed. There must be a constructive program which will promote development and safeguard public interest. The aim should be to make these properties more useful, available to greater numbers, and effectively instrumental in building up industries.

MARKET REPORT.

NORTH PORTLAND, Jan. 24 .- A light run of 500 head of cattle came forward today. Most of the stuff was of the unfinished class. A few good loads sold at \$7.60 but even these steers did not show the quality that was shown a week ago. The situation in general is a steady market. Bulls and cows went at former prices. A light run of hogs totaling 4800 head came to a steady market. Although a couple of loads sold at \$7.50, this premium was paid on quality only and the top remained at Bulk went at \$7.25. A fair run of almost 2200 head of sheep were unloaded at the yards. Sheep are beginning to be a scarcity and buyers are willing to pay a good price for well finished stuff. Lambs are quoted at \$7.25 with ewes at

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DEPARTMENT'S POLICY NEW PLAN IS TO BE TRIED

Superintendent Churchill Announces innovation in Examination Methods-Ouestios to Test Ability to Express What is Learned.

port of the Secretary of Agriculture examinations a new plan will be tried musk melon, onion, radish, turnip for the fiscal year ending June 30, in testing the pupils in the subjects and paranip. 1916, indicate the department's pol- of U. E. History and Civil Govern- flower seeds has also been received, sued today by State Superintendent dula, dianthus, poppy and zinnia

> will be allowed to refer to his text mailed to all who request. hook, but the questions will be so framed as to test the ability of the pupil in expressing what he has learned in clear, concise language The advantages of such a plan, are that it permits the teacher to emphagize the historical events which she the trained teacher greater freedom so that she can do a much higher jury returned three indictments quality of work than simply helping against Dunn in the charge, one of the pupils to "cram" for an examination; it frees the teacher and the of Mr. Schroder's best work mares. pupils from so teaching and studying The innocent purchaser took the anias to make the examination the end; mal to Albany, from which point expression and eliminates the mem- back by express at a cost of \$73.50, orizing of unimportant dates and Crook county paying half the expres-

"There is always danger," said superintendent Churchill, "of the examination system developing a question and answer method of teaching. Any plan whereby the examination becomes the end is unpedagogical, and the examination usually deteriorates into a memory test. With ownership. The alienation of timber-lands under conditions that will lead adopt it for the pupils monthly tests they will learn by the close of the year how to use the text merely as reference work in writing their final The questions will be so worded that it will be impossible for the pupil to copy any amount from the text book, but he will find help by turning to it to refresh his mem ry n some point that has escaped him just for the moment.

"When writing an examination a pupil often finds that he cannot recall the answer to a question. He is then liable to become so nervous and frightened that he will fail in the entire examination. This is really the common sense way to prepare a pupil for his work in the every day world, for if a man has to write an article or prepare a paper on any tion facilities. A settler may clear subject, he does not attempt to depend upon his memory for the proof which he wishes to use from various sources to substantiate his statements; rather, he has on his table a number of reference works dealing

with the subject upon which he is writing.

"The eighth grade examinations, LANDS IS URGED EXAM CHANGES to a very large extent, set the standard for teaching, and I am very confident that this new plan will strengthen the work in the eight to a very large extent, set the standstrengthen the work in the eighth grade and give the pupil much more power and confidence that he gains from the memory tests. If his class standing has been high during the year and his English work what it should be, he will pass a good examination. If his class work has been below par, the open book will be of no help to him during the short hour of the examination.

FREE SEEDS ARE READY.

The seeds sent by Congressman Sinnott for distribution by The Bulletin have arrived and packages are being mailed to all who have left their names at The Bulletin of-The seeds received for distri-In the May and June eighth grade bution in this manner include lettuce, A small number of ment, according to a statement is- the varieties being alyssum, calenof Public Instruction, J. A. Churchill. While the supply lasts they will be During the examination, the pupil given away at The Bulletin office, or

CROOK PAYS EXPRESS.

(Silver Lake Leader.) A. B. Schroeder, who was subpoenaed to appear before the Crook county grand jury last week as a witness against David R. Dunn in a considers most important; it gives horse stealing charge, returned on Monday. He reports that the grand them being for taking and selling one it tends to give the pupils power of Mr. Shroeder ordered her shipped

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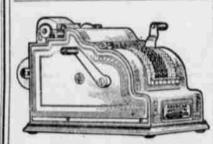
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Friday and Saturday—Essanay, "Disciple of Plato," two-reel Biograph "Confession" and Paramount Travel-

ounday, Menday and Tuesday—Burr McIntosh in "Col. Carter of Carterville," a late, interesting, keenly portrayed Civil War story.

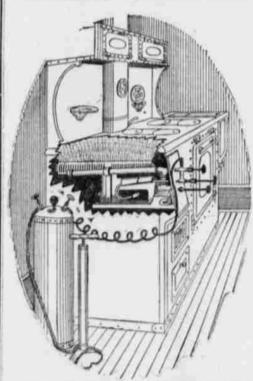
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