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AGRICULTURAL LANDS IN FOREST RESERVES.

An act approved June 12, 1906, provides for the settlement of lands for agricultural purposes within forest reserves under certain conditions. The following is a copy of Forest Reserve order No. 47, and is addressed to forest officers in charge, in order that they may be prepared to perform their duties under the new law:

1—That the Secretary of Agriculture may use his discretion about examining and listing lands under the law.

2.—Only lands chiefly valuable for agriculture and not needed for administrative purposes by the forest officer for some other public use will be classified and listed under this bill.

3—Land covered with a merchantable growth of timber will not be declared agricultural, except upon the strongest evidence of its value for agricultural purposes, both as to production and accessibility to a market.

4—Areas known to have been occupied by actual settlers prior to January 1, 1906, will be examined first and when such areas are found chiefly valuable for agriculture they will be listed, in order that the occupants may make entry under the Act. The mere fact that a man has settled upon land will, however, not influence the decision with respect to its agricultural character.

5—Any one who was a bona fide settler on land within a forest reserve before January 1, 1906, but who has already exercised or lost his homestead privilege, may, if otherwise qualified, make homestead entry under the provision of the law, but must pay \$2.50 per acre for any lands entered.

6—The first preference right to enter lands classified and listed under the Act will be given to persons who settled upon such lands prior to January 1, 1906. The second preference right to enter any particular listed tract will be given to persons who apply to have the classification made, but this latter class should not apply for the classification of a tract occupied by a settler before that date, otherwise, they might lose their preference rights.

7—Supervisors are often absent from their headquarters, and so cannot be reached at all times with equal certainty by all applicants. To avoid any undue advantage of one applicant over another due to this cause, all applications must be forwarded to the Forester, Washington, D. C., by the applicants.

9—All applications received in Washington in the same mail for the examination of the same tract will be treated as simultaneous, and simultaneous applicants will be notified. A similar notice will be given to the later of two applicants for the examination of the same tract.

10—No examination of more than one quarter section will be ordered upon the application of the same person, but if an application is withdrawn or rejected a second homestead application will be received for other land.

11—All applications must give the name of the forest reserve and describe the land, examination of which is requested, by legal subdivisions, section, township and range, if surveyed, and if not surveyed, by reference

to natural objects, streams, or improvements with sufficient accuracy to identify the land.

12—Forest officers must not make applications for the examination and listing of lands under this act.

13—Instructions governing the allowance of entries to be made under the Act after the listing will be issued by the Interior Department.

BUYING REVOLVERS

Commenting on the shooting of George Mitchell by his sister, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer points out the ease with which irresponsible people can secure a revolver at the gun stores, and recommends that there be restriction in the form of a municipal license to warrant the purchase, and the identification of the purchaser by the dealer, with a report on that identity to the authorities.

There is sound sense in these recommendations. The man who wishes to own a revolver for any legitimate purpose can have no reasonable desire to observe secrecy in the ownership. The man of bad repute would find it more difficult to procure a weapon with which to do murder. It would not by any means prevent people being shot by revolvers in the hands of assassins, but regulation such as suggested might lead to the prevention of crime now and then. The same character of precaution, protective in its nature, should surround the sale of deadly weapons that applies to the sale of poisons. There is nothing unreasonable in adopting such precaution.—Telegram.

Ben Butler in Deerfield.

Ben Butler was engaged in a heated political controversy with a contemporary of his native town of Deerfield, N. H. They waxed eloquent, as was customary when Ben Butler held the floor, and those in the audience were all attention, with one exception.

It seems that, while Benjamin was arguing his side of the question, at frequent intervals he endeavored to scratch a match on his trousers, but with ill success. At length the aforesaid member spoke up and said, "What in blazes are ye tryin' to do?" Butler stopped short, realized that he had the wrong end of the match, but would not be outwitted, and remarked, as he held the brimstone end of the match forward:

"Why, any blamed fool could strike a light from that end. I was only trying to discover if I could succeed in bringing a light from the other end."—Boston Herald.

Not Wanted.

Having passed most of his life in Paris, Paul Bartlett, the sculptor, is bilingual. He relates that one day in the Luxembourg gardens his attention was directed to a party of three American ladies who were engaged in an animated and mutually unintelligible altercation with a cabman. Addressing the eldest lady, evidently the chaperon and spokeswoman of the party, he said:

"Madam, perhaps I can be of some service to you. I speak French."

Gorgonizing him from head to foot with a stony stare, his countrywoman sternly replied:

"So do I!"

And the cabman, perceiving that the intruder had been snubbed, closed the incident by proclaiming from the box:

"Me spik English."—New York Times.

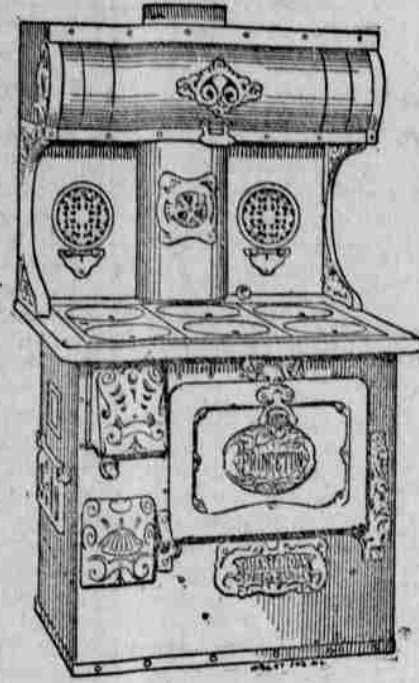
A Trick With Cards.

Take a pack of cards. Look at the bottom card. Then ask one of your mates to take any card out of the pack and put it on the bottom. While doing this shut your eyes all the time.

Then shuffle (eyes shut) once or twice and deal out, and when you come to the bottom card which you looked at the one before is the card that your mate took out and placed on the bottom.

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