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## FOREST SERVICE EXPLAINS CREATION OF FIRST NATIONAL FOREST EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT OCALA, FLA.

Washington, Nov. 30.—To Florida goes the distinction of getting the first National Forest created east of the Mississippi River. President Roosevelt has just signed a proclamation setting aside and naming the Ocala National Forest in Marion county in eastern Florida and another proclamation creating the Dakota National Forest in Billings county, North Dakota. Inasmuch as the last named national forest is the first in North Dakota, the two proclamations add two more States to the list of those wherein land will be put under scientific forest administration. There are now nineteen states, and Alaska, having National Forests.

### Over 200,000 Acres.

Before the creation of the Ocala, in Florida, the two forests in Arkansas, the Ozark and the Arkansas, were the easternmost National Forests. Practically all the other National Forests are in the Rocky Mountain and the Pacific Coast States. The Florida forest has an area of 201,480 acres, of which about one-fourth has been taken up under various land laws. It covers a plateau between the St. Johns and Ocklawaha rivers and at no point is an elevation exceeding 150 feet above sea level obtained. The area is by nature better fitted for the production of forest growth than for any other purpose. Nearly all of the area, however, seems particularly well adapted to the growth of sand pine, which is even now replacing the less valuable species, and with protection from fire almost the entire area will in time undoubtedly be covered with a dense stand of this species. The long-leaf pine, a much more valuable commercial tree than the sand pine, appears rather to rely on this forest and is confined principally to the lower flat lands along the streams on the borders of the Forest.

In addition to the pines and scrub growths, bald cypress, cabbage palmetto and tupelo gum, gradually changing to water oak, ash, elm, magnolia, hickory and maple are found bordering the numerous ponds and lakes which are scattered abundantly throughout the confines of this Forest.

### What Fire Has Done.

Fire has played a very important part in bringing about the present poorly forested condition of the Ocala, as year after year large fires have burned uninterruptedly over this tract, killing all vegetation and consuming the humus of the soil. Naturally protected portions which have not been subject to the flames, prove positively however, that the soil will rapidly respond to a little care taking and that the prevention of fires would eventually mean the reforestation of practically the entire area.

No sawmill operations have been conducted on the area included in the Ocala National Forest. Turpentining by boxing is carried on over contiguous areas and

through the careless and antiquated methods used the future pine crop of the adjoining region is greatly jeopardized. The soil is of little value for agricultural purposes and about the only crop which can be produced that will be of lasting value is sand pine, and with proper care and attention there should in time be a valuable forest of this species.

### New Dakota Forest.

The new Dakota National Forest consists of 14,080 acres in the Bad Lands region. It is located in Billings county and lies an equal distance between the Northern Pacific Railroad on the north and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul on the south. Its creation is important for it means that an experimental field for forest planting has been secured in North Dakota, the least forested state in the Union, having only one per cent of tree growth. The Forest Service expects to establish forest nurseries with the hope that in time to come the area may be reforested by artificial means. This feature is expected to prove a very good object lesson to the settlers, who it is hoped will in turn plant windbreaks around their farms.

The Forest is very open and for the most part contains a scattering stand of western yellow pine timber. Along the creek bed is found ash, box elder, cottonwood, elm, and birch. Cedar breaks are also found on precipitous slopes bordering the streams. Western yellow pine is the only merchantable species, however, on the Forest, and the average stand per acre is not over 2,000 feet. The reproduction of pine is fairly good wherever mature trees occur, but owing to the open condition of the Forest and the dense growth of grass it is for the most part unsatisfactory.

There is but little timber that will be sold from the Forest at the present time, since this area is very isolated, being surrounded on all sides by vast plains. Many homesteaders have in the past come to this Forest for timber for logs to build their houses. Since the completion of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul R. R. Billings county is rapidly being settled and while stock grazing is at the present time the most important industry it is very probable that farming will become the most important industry within the next few years. It is very important, therefore, that the timber which now remains should be conserved exclusively for the use of the home builder.

### Sparsely Settled.

At the present time there are but seven homesteaders within the boundaries of the Forest, but all of the odd sections are alienated land being owned by the Western Land Securities Company. This company has been selling portions of their holdings during the past few years. Very little of the Government land within the boundaries of the Forest is suitable for farming purposes, since it is quite rough and broken

### ROSIN AT SAVANNAH FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 4th.

GRADE.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
WW .....	6.40	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50
WG .....	6.35	6.40	6.40	6.40	6.40	6.40
N .....	6.00	6.10	6.10	6.15	6.15	6.15
M .....	5.50	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.60
K .....	4.90-5.00	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.10
I .....	4.05	4.10	4.10-4.15	4.16	4.15	4.15
H .....	3.40	3.40	3.35-3.45	3.45	3.40-3.45	3.40
G .....	2.95-2.97½	3.00	3.00-3.05	3.05	3.00-3.15	2.95-3.02
F .....	2.95-3.00	2.97½	3.00-3.05	3.05	3.00-3.10	2.95-3.02
E .....	2.92½	2.95	2.97½-3.00	3.05	3.00-3.10	2.95-3.02
D .....	2.92½	2.92½	2.95-300	3.05	3.00-3.10	2.90
CBA .....	2.90-2.92½	2.92½	2.95-300	3.05	3.00-3.05	2.90

SPIRITS      39½      39½      39½      39½      39½      39½

### NAVAL STORES RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

ROSIN.	Receipts	Sales.	Shipments	Stock
Saturday .....	3755	3400	2571	146,4
Monday .....	2701	2572	744	148,4
Tuesday .....	4813	3760	1327	157,8
Wednesday .....	2793	3302	2235	153,4
Thursday .....	2639	3548	1300	154,7
Friday .....	5526	3131	3443	157,8

### SPIRITS

SPIRITS	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Saturday .....	1242	179	1922			
Monday .....	632	1083	1130			
Tuesday .....	998	761	1225			
Wednesday .....	931	449	605			
Thursday .....	800	430	60			
Friday .....	911	300	1000			

and water is very scarce. It is the country outside of the Forest which is now being taken up by settlers.

No sawmill operations have ever been conducted on the area. When the Northern Pacific R. R. was being built a large number of trees were cut for railroad ties and together with the logs which have been procured for house building by the settlers this is the only use which has been made of the timber on the Forest. It is understood that the logs used in the construction of President Roosevelt's cabin, which now stands in the State Capitol grounds at Bismarck, N. D., were obtained from the area now included in the Dakota National Forest.

### Interested in the Forest.

Governor Burke, of North Dakota, is very much interested in the Forest and thinks it will be of inestimable value to the people who live in the region where the Forest is created.

Both of the new National Forests, the Ocala in Florida, and the Dakota, will be put under administration by the Forest Service as soon as possible.

### THE NEW MARKETING COMPANY.

Splendid progress has been made by the special committee appointed by the Jacksonville Board of Trade and the Turpentine Operators' Association for the purpose of organizing The Naval Stores Marketing Company, and it is expected that an announcement will be made very shortly that will be of special interest to the naval stores trade.

Since the national election on November 3, the committee has secured subscriptions for large blocks of stock and the entire amount of the proposed capital stock is now nearly all subscribed. As soon as the

subscriptions are all in the committee will turn over to the gentlemen selected as a board of trustees all matters connected with the organization of the company. The board of trustees will then proceed with the organization and will elect officers and do all things necessary to perfect the organization.

### THE TURPENTINE MARKET.

For nearly two weeks the price of spirit turpentine has remained stationary. The new level is 39½ cents per gallon, a while that is much better than 35 cent it is still below the cost of production. It would be the worst kind of folly for producers to start in now cutting boxes for just as soon as they went into the work to any extent they would find prices being forced back to that old thirty-five cent level. There are already enough boxes cut and the only practical way to force up prices during the coming year appears to be to reduce the output. By holding down the box cut to the lowest possible minimum this winter the producers can control the situation, and when they are convinced of this we believe they are not going to let it get away from them. Prices have advanced for all other commodities and prices for naval stores would have advanced long ago but for the manipulation of the market. The manipulators want the producers to go ahead and produce another big crop but they will find that they can't control all of the producers and that the crop will be materially lessened during the coming year. If the operators will live up to the resolution adopted at the annual convention of the Turpentine Operators' Association, they can control the situation.