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Use of Government Timber.

W. A. Richards, acting commissioner of the general land office, has prescribed the following rules and regulations regarding "An act authorizing the citizens of Colorado, Nevada and the territories to fell and remove timber on the public domain for mining and domestic purposes."

1. The act applies to the States of Colorado, Nevada, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and Utah, and the Territories of New Mexico and Arizona, and all other mineral districts of the United States.

2. The land from which timber may be felled or removed under the provisions of this act must be known to be of a strictly mineral character and "not subject to entry under existing laws of the United States, except for mineral entry." Parties who take timber from the public lands under assumed authority of this act must stand prepared to show that their acts are within the prescribed terms of the law granting such privilege, the burden being on such parties of proving by a preponderance of evidence that the land from which the timber is taken is "mineral" within the meaning of the act.

3. The privileges granted are confined to citizens of the United States, and other persons, bona fide residents of the States,

Territories and other mineral districts, provided for in the act.

4. The uses for which timber may be felled or removed are limited by the wording of the act to "building, agricultural, mining, or other domestic purposes."

5. No timber is permitted to be felled or removed for purposes of sale or traffic, or to manufacture the same into lumber or other timber product as an article of merchandise, or for any other use whatsoever, except as defined in section 4 of these rules and regulations.

6. No timber cut or removed under the provisions of this act may be transported out of the State or Territory where procured.

7. No timber is permitted to be used for smelting purposes, smelting being a separate and distinct industry from mining.

8. No growing trees of any kind whatsoever less than eight inches in diameter are permitted

to be cut.

9. Persons felling or removing timber under the provisions of this act must utilize all of each tree cut that can be profitably used, and must dispose of the tops, brush and other refuse in such manner as to prevent the spread of forest fires.

10. These rules and regulations shall take effect February 15, 1900, and all existing rules and regulations heretofore prescribed under said act by this Department are hereby rescinded.

It is estimated that in the last six months of 1899 the value of the candy output in New York City was at least \$20,000,000 and that for the United States during the year was \$75,000,000.

About 500 men are now working on the Colorado Springs and Cripple Creek railroad, and the contractors are endeavoring to increase their gang to 1,000.

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