

TOBACCO NEWS.

THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE LOCAL DEALERS LIGHT THE PAST WEEK.

A Portion of the '85 Cut—Damage of Root Reported in Some Sections—Fears That Drouth May Extend the Defect-Features of the Distant Markets.

There has been nothing of striking interest in our local market during the past week. A few local cases of old tobacco and perhaps an equal amount of the '84 crop changed hands on private terms. The '81 crop changed hands on private terms. The '81 crop changed hands on private terms.

There is some sampling going on, but not general. The '85 crop is being sampled fully up to expectation.

The late rains have helped the growing crop wonderfully; and yet in some sections the leaf, especially that which was blown over by the heavy winds, is reported to be damaged by rust, and if after the heavy rains come in again, the rust will extend.

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HALTING THE GRABBERS.

THE FENCES ON PUBLIC LANDS MUST BE TORN DOWN.

Proclamation by the President Ordering Their Removal Immediately—Another Evidence Given by President Cleveland That He Means Exactly What He Says.

The following proclamation by the President, ordering the removal of fences on public lands, was issued on Monday: By the President of the United States of America: WHEREAS, Public policy demands that the public domain shall be reserved for the occupancy of actual settlers in good faith, and that no person shall be permitted to acquire a right in the public domain which would be a wrongful interference with the safe and free occupancy thereof by persons entitled to it; and whereas, to secure and maintain this beneficial policy, a statute was passed by the Congress of the United States on the 24th day of February of the year 1879, which declared to be unlawful all inclosures of any public lands in any state or territory, to any of which land included within said inclosure the person, party, association or corporation making or controlling such inclosure had no claim or color of title made or acquired, or an asserted right thereto by or under claim made in good faith with a view to entry thereon by the land office, and whose statute also prohibited any person by force, threats, intimidation, or by any fencing or inclosure or other unlawful means, to prevent or obstruct any person from peaceably entering upon or establishing a settlement or residence on any tract of public land within the limits of the United States, and from preventing or obstructing free passage and transit over the same by the public, and from preventing or obstructing the free use of the same by the public; and whereas, the said statute is hereby enforced as follows: That the president is hereby authorized to take such measures as may be necessary to remove any such unlawful inclosure of any of said lands, and to employ civil or military force as may be necessary to that purpose; and that any person who shall be brought to my knowledge that unlawful inclosures and such as are prohibited by the terms of the said statute exist upon any tract of public land, and who shall be notified in writing that such inclosure is prohibited and obstructed by such inclosure and by force, threats and intimidation, shall be held to be in violation of the law, and shall be liable to the penalties thereof.

Now, therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, president of the United States, do hereby order and direct that any and every unlawful inclosure of any of said lands, and to employ civil or military force as may be necessary to that purpose; and that any person who shall be brought to my knowledge that unlawful inclosures and such as are prohibited by the terms of the said statute exist upon any tract of public land, and who shall be notified in writing that such inclosure is prohibited and obstructed by such inclosure and by force, threats and intimidation, shall be held to be in violation of the law, and shall be liable to the penalties thereof.

Done at the city of Washington, this 10th day of August, 1885.

GROVER CLEVELAND, President.

T. F. BAYARD, Secretary of State.

THE LAND FIRMS MUST GO.

Some of the Chief Reasons That Induced the President's Action.

From the New York Times.

"There is one point that seems to escape your attention, gentlemen," said the president a few days ago to the Indian territory leaseholders, "and that is the public interest."

The proclamation issued yesterday proves that the interest of the whole people are to be served not only by removing the ranchmen and their herds from the public lands, but also by reclaiming for the settler millions of acres now controlled by cattle syndicates—American and English—and inclosed by wire fences.

The holders of unlawful grazing leases must go, and the capitalists who have tried to make a fortune out of the public lands, it is held necessary to use the army in the work of driving them from the vast areas which they hold by no title that is established by the laws of the United States.

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