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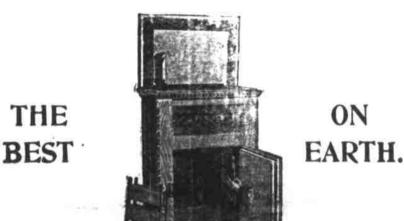
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Secretary of the Interior Trying to Avoid a Rush-Scheme of Drawing For Homesteads Strongly Indorsed. Pro and Con Views on the Drawing System.

Excellent progress made by the surveyors and allotting agents in the Klowa, Comanche and Apache and Wichita reservations has prompted Mr. Hitchcock, secretary of the interior, to take up the serious consideration of the manner in which the reservations shall be opened to settlement, says the Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, writing under the date of March 31. It is the urgent desire of the secretary to avoid the rush which has always characterized the opening of new country in the southwest up to this time. The experience of the department with these rushes has convinced the secretary that they develop conditions which the department wishes to avoid and which are far from satisfactory to those who engage in them. Months and in many cases years are spent by those who participate in perfecting their titles, and money which had been accumulated for the purpose of developing the new homesteads has gone into these contests. For the past two nights the secretary has advised with officials of his department who are familiar with land operations until after midnight with a view of reaching some arrangement which will obviate the objectionable features of a rush and will insure equal rights to all those who wish to take up homesteads. The secretary does not expect to reach a conclusion in the matter until he returns from St. Louis and has had opportunity to go into it further. The schemes which have probably

had the strongest backing are those the lottery laws of the country. On the other hand, it is urged that as proposed the lottery feature would go no further than does the lottery feature of draw-ing for juries sanctioned by the laws of different states, which have proved endifferent states, which have proved entirely satisfactory.

Several hundred letters have been received at the general land office, each one of which makes a suggestion as to the manner in which the reservation should be opened or makes a suggestion for some one feature. The reservations will be opened to settlement on a proclamation of the president, but previous to the opening the secretary of



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the interior will arrange all details and regulations. These will either be included in the proclamation or else the president will direct that the opening be under the special conditions which the secretary by the proclamation is.

ordered to enforce. As a preliminary to the drawing scheme it is proposed that the entire area of the reservations which has not been taken up by the allotments to the Indians shall be mapped and platted. The area will then be laid out in homesteads, and each one will be numbered. Every person who desires to secure a homestead in the new country will Sandals and Hosiery for Ladies then file an application for it, together with proof that he is qualified to make the entry. These will be investigated by the government officials to determine whether each one is bona fide. Accompanying the applications will be the fee for the entry. These will be held simply as deposits until the drawings are made, and those who are unsuccessful in the drawing will have the fees returned to them. A date will be set according to the plan proposed, after which no further applications will be received. Each of the applications selves. will be placed in a plain envelope. All of the envelopes with inclosures will be placed in a great wheel or other similar device, and on the day set there will be drawings from the wheel by a blindfolded employee. As the envelopes are taken from the wheel each one will be numbered until a number has been reached equal to the number of homesteads on the map already prepared. After each drawing the wheel is to be turned a certain number of times to thoroughly change the position of every one. After the envelopes are numbered they will be opened one by one, and the name of the applicant will be registered with the number of the homestead which his number calls for. One of the objections which has been urged against the drawing system is that it will not give the old soldiers an equal chance with the others in the contest for homesteads. Those who urge the drawing system say that this is not true. They point that in the old style rush the veteran of advanced years had little or no chance against the active young western man mounted on his pony, armed and determined to get the land by priority of occupation if possible, but to get the land. Al though the soldier might not be successful in the drawings, he would have Medicine, Pharmacy. as much chance as he would in a rush. It is the desire of the secretary to have the matter adjusted and some plan adopted in time to have every detail perfected before the date for the opening under the law, not later than

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