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FORM 15.

FIELD DIARY
AND
TRAVEL RECORD.

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North Dakota (Prop. Roosevelt Nat. Park)
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Nov. 21, 1924.
Arrived Beach, N. Dakota
10 P.M. en route from
Helena, Mont. Was met
at Beach by Mr. Ed. C.
Fiedler Sec. of Roosevelt
National Park Association
and Mr. W. F. Lushington, Pres.
of same Association.
Accompanied by them a
trip was made to Sentinel
Butte about 12 miles ~~to~~
~~the south~~ east of Beach
from which we had good
views of the "God lands".
To the south, returned in
evening to town.

Nov. 22, Beach to
Petrified Forest a few
miles northwest of Medora
and about 26 miles from
Beach and return to
Beach, thence to Warwata.

Left Beach at 8.30 with
party including Mr. Freden
and a Mr. Martin of Warwata
and several from Beach
in 2 cars and visited the
Petrified Forest returning
to Beach at 2 P.M.

Left Beach at 3.30 P.M.
and travelled by auto
about 50, making a
detour through a part
of Montana to Warwata
where we arrived about
6 P.M.

Nov. 22 con.

Petrified forest consists
of principally of perhaps
100 a. in the groups of
petrified stumps for the
most part. They stand
along the edges or along
cuts in ~~flat~~ ^{a nearly} level topped
mesas 2 or 3 miles in
length a short distance
northwest of Medana. The
stumps are ~~mainly~~
occur at different ~~stages~~
elevations on the eroded
sides of the mesa and
at one point are
clearly distributed along
two layers or strata
of ^{soft} grayish sandstone.
A peculiar feature is

Nov 22 con.
nearly ~~seen~~
that all are flat on
the bottom and evidently
had no top roots. the
outer sides are of ~~glac~~
~~distinctly~~ ridged. The
mura was perhaps 500.
Just above the general
level.

Allegated land. Part of the
land has been alleged at
least, and a man named Alton
owns a section of the front or
at least has a claim on ~~land~~
which he ~~has~~ ~~is~~ ~~the~~
Front,

(307)

NW. 23, Marmarth, N. Dak.

in this vicinity
today, weather ~~clear~~ and
about 3 inches of snow fell
last night, N.W.

Visited with M. Johnson,
Pres. of Stock Growers Bank,
and J. H. Craver the "Bob
Lands" about north of town
about 10 miles, from the
top of Parity B the excellent
wind-swept bob of the
surrounding section. The
cross the Great Missouri River,
this is of the same general
type as "Bob Lands" near
Marmarth.

Nov. 24 Marquette
to Duckwater,
Left Marquette 9.30 AM
Reached pine forest about
noon. Forest extends for
6 or 7 miles along
Guth Muxson and
tributaries, from north to
south same distance
from east to west.

Antelope, about 20
in timbered section, but
none, said to be some
damage in hay fields
and winter wheat fields.

Porcupines, said to do
considerable damage to
pines.

Pines, by grubbing
cut root.

Nov. 24 con.

Dur., a very few
occur along river.

Brewer, a number
occur along river.

Yellow pines, Excellent
reproduction, especially on
north slopes. A considerable
number of good seed trees
left by logging operations
which no doubt took most
of the merchantable timber.
Having a number ^{with straight trunks}
fairly large size, ^{but}
with limbs near the
ground so that they are
knotty and of comparatively
little value.

Burning by cuts, One point
visited where perhaps
40 acres have recently

Nov. 24 em.

Turned, most of the
general area is said to
be indurated at a depth
of about 90 ft. by a
vein over 20 ft. in
thickness. Being of the
surface lignite near the
surface shatters the
surface leaving it
subject to rapid erosion.
Old scoria in older
hills shows effects of
former burning of lignite
coal.

Arrived at Dickinson
at 6.30 P.M.

Nov. 25 Dickinson to
canyon of Little Missouri
and return.

Left Dickinson 7:15 a.m.
Reached Gayton George's
place at 10:15 and he
accompanied us to run of
placian west of his place.
Had good views of strata
along the Missouri. In
fact timber is largely
ash, elm, boxelder,
suck, aspen, and bur oak
for deer wild rose, buck
brush,

Coatuegas.

Billings

Bill, Challoper

Walford City, N. Dak.

Well informed in re game
of "food lands" district.

Nov. 25 con.
From Layton George's
place we returned to
Killedear and then turned
north westerly to Grassy
Buttes where we arrived
about dark and remained
overnight.

Nov. 26, Grassy
Buttes to Bad Lands along
Little Missouri and return
to Dickinson ~~and~~ leaving
there en route to Washington
at 3 P.M.

Left Grassy Buttes at 7:15
A.M. for "Bad Lands" about
15 miles west of town near
the Little Missouri River,
where we arrived in
about an hour, &

Bad Lands, Those seen
today are the most
picturesque that we have
~~not~~ visited on the trip.

Long indentations of Bad
Land country extend into
back from the Little
Missouri River into the

Nov. 26 con.
~~small rolling prairie.~~
The rougher part was
the Little Missouri river
perhaps 800 ft. above
the river in steep, often
fantastically eroded bluffs,
leaving here and there
outstanding pyramids or
other picturesque features.
~~fractured off~~
The entire area here
appeared to have been
a big coal field that
burned long ago, and
erosion had carried out
away a large part, leaving
~~steep and eroded~~ steep
pyramids etc. with a
bed of reddish scoria
near the tops showing

Nov. 26 am.

The location of the
furned part, the reddish
scoria gives to the
area something of the
crawl leavyn effect on
a small scale.

Weather was cold, windy
and threatening.

Returned to Dickinson
about 2.30 and left
at 3 for Washington. Mr.
Gardner accompanied
me as far as Bismarck.
~~BT~~

Nov. 27.
En route Washington,
D.C.

Nov. 28,
Arrived Washington, D.C.
7 P.M.

J. H. Kramer, Co. Commissioner
Macon County, N. Dak.

W. G. Johnson, M. D.,
N. Dak.

Notes - 2 reports on being
made in 1902, one in
Macon County, N. Dak.,
~~about 22 miles in 1902,~~
also a herd was found
at the same date near
Fossil, N. Dak. about 7 miles
north of Macon County.

Find Freden - copy
of Game Refuge Rules.

1. Location, total area, boundaries,
2. Scenic features, geom. topog. drawings,
classification of areas.
3. Status of lands, settlers on area,
4. Game included - No. of each,
5. Reasons for establishment - public interest.
6. Suitability for game carrying
capacity, season & winter range.
7. Grazing of domestic stock,
numbers, condition of forage.

In re proposed Nat. Park

1. Location ^{total area} boundaries. (Map)
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2. Scenic features, general
topography, drainage,
classification of areas.

3. ~~Classification of areas~~
~~within boundaries~~, Status of lands,
setters on area.

4. Game included - number of
each now on area,

5. Reasons for establishment,
as Park or Game Preserve,
public sentiment,

6. Suitability for game,
reference to carrying capacity
cover, summer and winter
range.

7. Grazing of domestic
stock, numbers, condition of
forage.