

ALLOTTED LANDS.

Since the date of the last annual report the following leases of allotted lands have been approved:

Cheyenne and Arapaho Agency, Okla.—Six hundred and thirty-one farming and grazing leases and one business lease. The length of term is generally three years. The consideration paid the allottees at this agency ranges from 12½ cents per acre per annum for grazing lands to 81 cents for farming lands. The business lease covers 40 acres and is for the term of three years. The consideration is \$75 per annum.

Colville Agency, Wash.—Seven farming and grazing leases. The terms are from one to three years. The consideration ranges from 43 cents per acre per annum to \$3.12.

Crow Creek Agency, S. Dak.—Six grazing leases for the term of one year. The consideration is 10 cents per acre per annum.

Green Bay Agency, Wis.—Thirteen farming and grazing leases. The term is three years. The consideration ranges from 50 cents to \$2 per acre per annum. These leases were mentioned in the last annual report as being executed, but as yet awaiting action.

Nez Percé Agency, Idaho.—One hundred and twenty-two farming and grazing leases and seven business leases. The terms are from one to three years for farming and grazing leases and one to five years for business leases. The consideration for farming and grazing leases ranges from 37½ cents per acre per annum to \$4.44. The business leases cover a fractional part of an acre each. The consideration ranges from \$42 to \$600 per annum.

Omaha and Winnebago Agency, Nebr.—Five hundred and forty-three farming and grazing leases on the Omaha Reservation and 328 on the Winnebago Reservation. The terms are from one to three years. The consideration ranges from 25 cents per acre per annum for grazing lands to \$2.50 for farming lands. One lease on the Winnebago Reservation, for school purposes, has been approved. The term is five years. The consideration is \$5 per annum for 2 acres. One hundred and thirty-five leases on the Omaha and 52 on the Winnebago Reservation are pending before the Department.

Oneida Reservation, Wis.—One farming lease. The term is one year. The consideration is \$120 for 40 acres. This tract is to be used for the purpose of teaching agriculture to the boys of the industrial school.

Ponca, Pawnee, etc., Agency, Okla.—One hundred and twenty-six farming and grazing leases and 3 business leases on the Ponca Reservation; 58 farming and grazing leases on the Pawnee Reservation; 29 farming and grazing leases on the Tonkawa Reservation, and 122 farming and grazing and 3 business leases on the Oto Reservation.

The farming and grazing leases are generally drawn for three years, but some are for one and two year periods. The consideration ranges from 20 cents per acre per annum for grazing lands to \$2.50 for farming lands. The price paid for business leases ranges from \$10 to \$15 per acre per annum. The term is five years. Four farming and grazing leases on the Ponca and 4 on the Tonkawa Reservation are pending before the Department; 143 leases on the Ponca and 21 on the Pawnee Reservation have been executed upon which no action has been taken.

Potawatomi and Great Nemaha Agency, Kans.—Eighty-four farming and grazing leases. The term is generally three years. The consideration ranges from 50 cents per acre per annum to \$3.

Puyallup Reservation, Wash.—Eleven farming and grazing leases. The term is generally two years. The consideration ranges from 40 cents per acre per annum to \$10.50.

Round Valley Reservation, Cal.—Thirteen farming and grazing leases. The term is from one to three years. The consideration ranges from \$1 to \$2 per acre per annum.

Sauk and Fox Agency, Okla.—Forty-five farming and grazing leases by the Sauk and Fox allottees, 25 by the Iowa, 25 by the Potawatomi, 47 by the Absentee Shawnee, and 8 by the Kickapoo; also one lease of 40 acres for business purposes on a Kickapoo allotment. The terms are from one to three years. The consideration ranges from 15 cents per acre per annum to \$3.25 per annum for farming and grazing leases and \$150 per annum for the business lease for the term of five years.

Siletz Reservation, Oreg.—Three farming and grazing leases. The term is three years. The consideration ranges from 30 cents per acre per annum to \$1.50.

Sisseton Agency, S. Dak.—Two hundred and thirty-eight farming and grazing leases. The term is three years. The consideration ranges from 14 cents per acre per annum to 87½ cents. Eighty leases are pending before the Department. Forty-eight leases have been executed upon which no action has been taken.

Southern Ute Agency, Colo.—One farming and grazing lease. The term is three years. The consideration is \$50 per annum for 120 acres.

Umatilla Agency, Oreg.—Nineteen farming and grazing leases. The terms are two and three years. The consideration ranges from \$1.25 per acre per annum to \$3.50; also two business leases for the term of five years, at a consideration of \$25 per annum for 5 acres.

Yakima Agency, Wash.—Forty-five farming and grazing leases. The term is five years. The consideration ranges from 50 cents per acre per annum to \$6.50.

Yankton Agency, S. Dak.—Twenty-eight farming and grazing leases. The terms are from one to three years. The consideration is 10 cents per acre per annum. Forty-six grazing leases are pending before the Department; 183 leases have been executed upon which no action has been taken.

Improvements on leased lands.—At a majority of the agencies some of the leases provide for the erection of certain improvements on the premises leased, such as fences, barns, etc., and for the breaking of new land. July 16 last, the Department suggested to this office that future leases of Indian allotments should provide for some specific improvements, such as clearing the land, the breaking of new land, the erection of fences, barns, and other necessary permanent improvements, the character and value of which should be specifically stated in the lease, with a provision for keeping the same in first-class condition and repair. The Department regarded these substantial benefits as much more essential to the interests of the allottee, and for the future good and value of his property, than the temporary or present good an all money payment for rent would do him.

Instructions to that effect have been sent to all agencies where allotted lands are being leased.

Since the above-mentioned date farming and grazing leases for three-year periods that have no provision therein for placing some substantial improvements on the lands or for breaking new lands, but are for a money consideration only, have been approved for the term of only two years. Grazing leases that are for a money consideration only have been approved for only one year, regardless of the term for which they were drawn.

UNALLOTTED OR TRIBAL LANDS.

Since the date of the last annual report the following leases of tribal lands have been approved:

Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Reservation, Okla.—Ten grazing leases and one mining permit (for red sandstone only, at 75 cents per cord), described as follows:

TABLE 20.—Leases on Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache reservations.

Lessee.	Acres.	Term.	Annual rent.
Grazing leases:			
		<i>Years.</i>	
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Co	1,280	1	\$128.00
Amos A. Hallowell	800	1	50.00
Nellie Jones	3,140	1	314.00
James Myers	5,000	3	400.00
Do	5,000	3	400.00
Do	1,500	1	150.00
Poh a way	1,500	1	150.00
H. G. Williams	28,767	1	2,876.70
P. S. Witherspoon	10,000	1½	800.00
Florence J. Hall	13,866	1	1,386.60
Mining lease:			
John W. Light, for red sandstone only, at 75 cents per cord mined		1