

March 26, 1918.

Mr. W. W. Bass,

Grand Canyon, Arizona.

My dear Mr. Bass:

I have your letters of March 4 and March 8 in regard to the proposed Grand Canyon National Park and am glad to have the information that you have given me. In the meantime the Senate Committee on Public Lands has favorably reported Senator Ashurst's bill, with certain amendments which you will note by examining the enclosed copy. The effect of these amendments is to reduce the area included within the proposed park by excluding a considerable tract of land along the southwesterly side of Tobocobya Spring-Rowe Well Road and a half section of land south of Martin Buggeln's place. *Another section east of Grand View is added to the Park*

Another amendment provides for recognizing the right of Coconino County to collect tolls on the Bright Angel Toll Road and Trail, and directs the Secretary of the Interior to negotiate for the purchase of the Trail. Provision is also made for letting of concessions to the best and most responsible bidder. This latter is an improvement over the proposal to grant such concessions to the highest bidder. I understand that section 8 was inserted at the request of Mr. Hearst, who owns the Grand View property.

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No action has been taken on S. 390 as yet, but I presume that it will come up for due course of business on the call of the Senate calendar.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

P.S. I note the difficulty that you have mentioned relative to procuring seed oats and barley and on inquiry at the Department of Agriculture I was told that you should communicate with Mr. De Lore Nichols, the County Farm Advisor for Coconino County, or with Mr. E. P. Taylor, Chairman of the Seed Stock Committee at the University of Arizona, Tucson. Either one of these gentlemen should be in a position to tell you where to obtain seed grain at a reasonable price.