

# New York American

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Dear Mr; Hayden :

The lands, &c., owned by Mr; Hearst at the Grand Canyon are :

1st, The Last Chance Mill Site, five acres, located in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 17, township 30 north, range four east and

2nd, The Berry Homestead, described as E $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and Lot 2, Sec. 17, township 30 north, range four east, G. & S. R. M., containing 159.68 acres.

Mr. Hearst also has, from the Agricultural Department, a permit to use a strip between these properties and the Canyon, about 50 acres.

When Mr; Hearst purchased the above mentioned lands, the maps showed the rim of the Canyon to extend down to Sec. 20 of this township and range; later maps locate the rim of the Canyon in Sec. 17 itself. There is therefore a narrow strip of lands between Mr; Hearst's properties and the rim of the Canyon. We should have liked to acquire title to all the remainder of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 17, that is, Lot 1, SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and N $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , containing in the aggregate 155.32 acres. The narrow strip itself is of comparatively no special value to the Government.

I enclose with this some memoranda, hoping it may interest you.

Sincerely,

*L. J. O'Reilly*  
(Hate La Fayette)