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PURDIN AND THE TRUSTS.

Mahlon Purdin, one of Jackson county's representatives in the legislature, has introduced a radical anti-trust bill. Speaking of it, the Oregonian says:

"Representative Purdin's anti-trust bill is a shining example of misdirected effort. Were it to become law it might possibly be found effective against labor unions, like the Sherman act. Against every other form of trust it would prove futile. Were every trust in the country dissolved today, tomorrow they would all be flourishing again under the title of holding companies or something equally simple and effective. The trust is too elusive for the law to seize and destroy, but its property is not always elusive, and through its property it can be regulated. The time will come, perhaps in the far future, when our legislators will give up the hopeless task of trying to destroy the trusts and begin the entirely practicable enterprise of defining, classifying and controlling them.

"The trust is a natural consequence of applying common sense to economic problems. It represents a distinct advance over old, wasteful methods. Instead of seeking to slay it the law ought to try to discover some method of distributing its unquestionable benefits among consumers. At present producers retain them all, which is, of course, unjust. The outcry against trusts is precisely similar in its nature to the old opposition to machinery. It is the complaint of the past against progress. As soon as people learned how to use machinery properly they found that its benefits were intensely real and its evils imaginary. The same thing will be said of trusts within a few years. If Mr. Purdin would apply his mind to the problem of making trusts subserve the public good he would be much better occupied than he is in trying to destroy them."

HITCHCOCK'S INTERFERENCE.

Efforts of Chairman Hitchcock, of the national republican party, to induce Statement No. 1 members of the Oregon Legislature to break their pledges and elect a republican senator instead of obeying the mandate of the people, has brought forth the following rebuke from Senator La Follette in the second issue of his magazine:

"Hains is on trial for advising the commission of a crime. Hitchcock is widely accused of advising the commission of one equally heinous. It is reported that he is actively endeavoring to induce Oregon legislators to violate their promise to support the candidate for senatorship receiving the most votes at the primary election in June."

It is said that there is little real hope of preventing Chamberlain's election, but that it is hoped by deferring it, to force him to resign the governorship at once instead of waiting until he should have to take his seat as senator.

Republicans regard the governorship as highly important in the event that Chamberlain should be elected owing to the unfortunate situation as to Secretary of State F. W. Benson, whose bad health is a general subject of discussion. Benson is afflicted with cancer, which has developed alarmingly and has resisted medical skill at home and in California.

In the event of his death before Chamberlain should cease to be governor, Chamberlain would appoint Benson's successor as secretary of state. This successor, after Chamberlain became senator, would not only be secretary of state, but acting governor, and control all the patronage of the governor and of the combined board of governor, secretary of state and state treasurer. It has been reported that Chamberlain might not take his seat as senator until the regular session of congress next December.

Eastern magazines and newspapers have generally accepted Chamberlain's election as a foregone conclusion, because such political dishonesty as would be necessary to defeat him would react with bad effect upon the party, and hence would be poor politics.

NOW ARE THE MONTHS TO SLAUGHTER COYOTES

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 15.—On account of the enormous loss every year, not only to sheepmen, but to stockmen and farmers generally by reason of the ravages of coyotes and other predatory wild animals, which are increasing so rapidly as to become an alarming menace to the raising of sheep, pigs, poultry, calves and even men, not to mention the wild game, such as deer and elk, killed by cougar and wolves in the mountains, the Oregon Wool Growers' association again at its eleventh annual convention in Heppner, Or., unanimously adopted the following:

"We, the sheepmen of Oregon, hereby set aside the month of January, 1909, for the purpose of making special efforts to destroy coyotes and other predatory wild animals throughout Oregon; that every possible effort be made by all sheepmen to destroy coyotes with poison, traps, guns, dogs and other methods; that we will induce our neighbors and every one possible to assist us in this crusade against coyotes. That special precautions be

taken in putting out poison; that poison be not placed near dwellings or public highways, so that dogs passing would not be liable to reach it; that poison be put out only on our own premises and ranges."

All stockmen are urged to take an active part in this crusade by complying with the resolution and make a strenuous effort during the month and also February to kill coyotes. It proved a big help last winter. A bulletin issued by the Oregon board of sheep commissioners on "Practical Methods for the Destruction of the Coyote" and any other information desired, will be sent upon application.

GRANTS PASS LEVY IS FIXED AT TWENTY-THREE

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 15.—The county court of Josephine county has fixed the levy of ten mills, the school board at five, and the city at eight, which gives to the city and county the suspicious number of "23." Just what effect this will have upon dilatory taxpayers is a matter of comment, but as the past year has been one of general business prosperity the figures may be a mascot.

TIME NEARLY EXPIRED IN MISSOURI OIL SUIT

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 15.—This is the last day allowed the Waters-Pierce Oil company to prove to the satisfaction of the Missouri supreme court that it has purged itself of any and all connection with the Standard Oil company. It is thought the concern will be able to do this. It will also have to pay a fine of \$50,000 recently imposed by the court for violations of the state anti-trust law. Under the decision of the court, the Standard Oil company of Indiana and the Republic Oil company were fined \$50,000 each and ousted from the state, the decree of ouster to become finally effective on March 1. The latter companies have filed motions for a rehearing.

The Waters-Pierce Oil company's failure to file any sort of a motion indicates that it may not fight any further, but abide by the finding of the court, preferring not to longer continue the struggle, there being surface indications that it has been abandoned by the Standard company and left to fight its own battles on its own account. The court is to be the sole judge of the evidence submitted as to the Waters-Pierce company's severance from the Standard company.

Attorney J. D. Johnson intimated that the case might be taken to the Supreme court of the United States and that failure to ask a rehearing did not affect in any way the clients' right to redress by a writ of error.

THOUSANDS GREET TAFT IN SOUTHERN CITY

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 15.—Men of distinguished attainments from all over the south joined today in greeting William Howard Taft upon his arrival in this city for a stay of 26 hours. It was the most enthusiastic reception tendered to any Atlanta visitor in recent years, and men of all political faiths participated in the exhibition of true southern hospitality, which will have its joyous culmination tonight at a banquet under the auspices of the Atlanta chamber of commerce. Opossum, sweet potatoes and persimmon beer are the principal items on the bill of fare for tonight's feast, and some of the best chefs of the south are today engaged in preparing these delicacies in the true Georgia style. The future president of the United States has reluctantly admitted that he has never known the gustatory delight supplied by 'possum, yams and 'simmon beer, to which all Georgians are traditionally partial.

ROGUE RIVER APPLIES TEN CENTS EASH IN BOSTON

W. H. French has received a letter from C. L. Leavitt of Boston, who is planning a trip here in which he says that D'Anjou pears from the Rogue River valley retailed at 5 cents apiece in Boston and that he had been paying 10 cents each for Spitzenberg and Newtown apples from here. "They come high, but the people want them," states Mr. Leavitt.

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