

# LIBERAL IN HIS POLICY

**SECRETARY GARFIELD PLACES NEW CONSTRUCTION ON LAND LAWS.**

## SETTLERS HAVE CHANCE

Every Bona Fide Entryman Will Be Assisted By Department to Establish a Home on Public Domain.

Secretary of the Interior Garfield's report is calculated to aid honest entrymen in obtaining land under the present laws.

It was the first and foremost desire of Secretary Hitchcock to indict, and if possible, convict every man who had knowingly or otherwise—deliberately or innocently violated any of the land laws. He never favored civil suits; he wanted to land every offender into the criminal court, and he carried out his purpose as far as possible. In his report Secretary Garfield says:

Whenever the facts warrant, I concur with persons who are accused of using or holding land illegally, and, if possible and proper, effect a settlement or obtain return of the lands to the government without litigation. Under the former administration there was no such effort to settle cases of this character out of the courts. Every offender, no matter what his motive, looked for a criminal court record if detected. Incidentally, while the government made a striking record for convictions in Oregon, it lost much of the land in controversy, whereas the government is today recovering land illegally taken, and innocent offenders are besmirched unnecessarily.

It is the purpose of Secretary Garfield to so conduct the Interior Department and so interpret the public land laws as to actually aid every bona fide entryman who is endeavoring to establish a home on the public domain. Secretary Garfield holds that the land laws were enacted for a purpose, and so long as the law is not abused, he intends that the entryman shall enjoy its provisions, and so long as he acts in good faith, shall have the encouragement and aid of representatives of the government. In other words, Secretary Garfield is proceeding on the theory that every man is honest until proven guilty; he is human to recognize that honest men may make errors which do not get them, or should not lay them, liable to the law.

Under Secretary Hitchcock, the entire force of the Interior Department and General Land Office, on special instructions from the Secretary, proceeded on the theory that the public land laws were enacted to prevent men acquiring public lands; every technical failure to comply with the law was regarded as ground for criminal prosecution; every obstacle was placed in the path of the honest, as well as the dishonest entryman, and Mr. Hitchcock retired from office with the astounding record of having actually deprived hundreds of honest settlers of their lands, while he permitted shrewd thieves to gobble up large tracts under his very nose. The report of Secretary Garfield will carry encouragement to every entryman who is striving to acquire public land for an honest purpose.

### FIRST IN POLITICAL RACE.

Greenman, Ramsby and Nelson File Nominating Petitions.

The first three men to file nominating petitions in anticipation of the direct primary nominating election in April are County Clerk Greenman, County Recorder Ramsby and County Assessor Nelson. Mr. Nelson filed his petition yesterday afternoon and on the ballot opposite his name will appear these words: "Equal assessment for all." All three of the men are Republicans and are candidates for renomination and election, and all of them have made excellent records during their respective terms of office. So far as known, there will be no opposition to the renomination of Mr. Greenman and Mr. Ramsby, but Assessor Nelson will probably have a rival in the person of George F. Horton, who has served as County Clerk and postmaster of Oregon City.

### BUYS RANCH AT HOOD RIVER.

Charles Albright Purchases Fruit Farm and Will Move Away.

Charles Albright, for many years a resident of Oregon City, has purchased a 25-acre fruit farm at Hood River, six miles from the town that

bears that name. Mr. Albright was for years in the retail meat business here and will move to Hood River with his wife and three daughters probably on a few weeks, and will immediately commence the construction of a residence on his property. The ranch consists of 10 acres in strawberries, 10 acres in apples and the remainder in pasture, and there is running water on the land. Mr. Albright recently sold his home in Oregon City to W. P. Hawley, who will soon commence the erection of a paper mill on the east side of the Willamette River fronting the basin.

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## ROOSEVELT SCORES GREAT TRUSTS

ing dependants should not be required to bring suit. \* \* \* The compensation should be paid automatically. The same principle should be made applicable to private employers.

It is all wrong to use the injunction to prevent the entirely proper and legitimate action of labor organizations. The fact that the punishment for violation of an injunction must be without intervention of a jury furnishes a reason why the process should be surrounded with safeguards.

If some way of remedying the abuses is not found, indignation may produce a revolt against the whole use of injunctions. Men of property cannot afford to trust to anything save the spirit of justice and fair play.

The usual result of inflation (of railroad capitalization) is to impose upon the public an unnecessary but everlasting tax, while only a few speculators are benefited. In fixing the charges of our railroads it is better to allow too liberal than too scanty earnings, otherwise railway development may not keep pace with the demand. The attempt to provide against all combinations of whatever character must necessarily be either futile or mischievous and sometimes both. Real good can come only by a thorough and continuing supervision over the acts of the combination in all parts.

Each and every one of these laws would represent part of the campaign against privileges, to make great property-holders realize that property has its duties no less than its rights. There is no moral difference between gambling at cards or lotteries or on the race track and gambling in the stock market. One method is just as pernicious as the other, and in the evil worked far greater. The Federal Government could at least act by forbidding the use of the mails, telegraph and telephone wires for mere gambling in stocks and futures.

Certain wealthy men, whose conduct should be abhorred by every man of ordinary, decent conscience, and who commit the hideous wrong of teaching our young men that phenomenal business success must ordinarily be based on dishonesty, have banded together to work for a reaction. The administration and those who support its views are not engaged in an assault on property, but are strenuous upholders of the rights of property. We attack only the corrupt men of wealth who find in the purchased politician the most efficient instrument of corruption and in the purchased newspaper the most efficient defender of corruption. It is not the puppet, but the strong, cunning men and the mighty forces working for evil behind and through the puppets with whom we have to deal. Such attacks (of radicalism) become inevitable if decent citizens permit those rich men whose lives are corrupt and evil to domineer in swollen pride, unchecked and unhindered, over the destinies of this country. Every measure for honesty in business that has been passed during the last six years has been opposed by these men.

When we are able to put the real wrongdoer in prison, this is what we strive to do; this is what we have actually done with some very wealthy criminals. The Government has put behind the bars with impartial severity the powerful financier, the powerful politician, the rich land thief, the rich contractor. All their wealth and power cannot protect them. It often happens that the effort to imprison is futile, while it is possible to fine. The corporation lawyers and their employers are mainly responsible for this state of things. That stockholder is not innocent who purchases stock in a corporation whose methods and management he knows to be corrupt.

The apologists of successful dishonesty by their acts have "unsettled business." They have hurt honest business men, honest workmen, honest farmers and now they clamor against the truth being told. The outcry against stopping dishonest practices among wrongdoers who happen to be wealthy is similar to the outcry against every effort for cleanliness and decency in city government, because, forsooth, "it hurts business." The "business" which is hurt by the movement for honesty is the kind of business in the long run it pays the country to have hurt. It is meet and fit that the apologists for corrupt

wealth should oppose every effort to relieve the weak and helpless people from crushing misfortune brought on by them by injury.

The same critics of these two judges (who fined the Standard Oil Company and the Sante Fe) exhaust themselves in denouncing discussion of the action of a judge which results in immunity to wealthy and powerful wrongdoers. A judge who fails to do his duty by the public in dealing with lawbreaking corporations, lawbreaking men of wealth, must feel the weight of public opinion. No servant of the people has a right to expect to be free from just and honest criticism. Our purpose is to secure national honesty in business and in politics. Justice is meted out with an even hand to great and small, rich and poor, weak and strong. The laws have been enforced against the very wrongdoers and agents of wrongdoers who have for so many years gone scot free and flouted the laws with impunity.

New conditions make it necessary to shackle cunning as in the past we have shackled force. Thoroughgoing and satisfactory control of corporations can in the end only be obtained by the action of National Government. The defenders and apologists of the great corporations are not only proving false to the people, but are laying out the day of wrath for the great corporations. Business distress is due to the speculative folly and flagrant dishonesty of a few men of great wealth. But, if it were true that to cut out rotteness from the body politic meant a momentary check to an unhealthy seeming prosperity, I could not for one moment hesitate to put the knife to corruption. Strive to bring nearer the day when greed and trickery and cunning shall be trampled under foot.

## T. J. CLETON MAY BE U.S. ATTORNEY

UNCONFIRMED WASHINGTON REPORT SAYS SCHUEBEL WILL BE WITHDRAWN.

It is stated in a dispatch from Washington that the name of Christian Schuebel, of Oregon City, will be withdrawn and that the nomination of Thomas J. Cleton, of Portland, for United States Attorney for Oregon will be sent to the Senate by the President.

Mr. Schuebel declines to make any statement for publication and will neither confirm nor deny the report that he is to be assistant to the District Attorney, but it is believed that he will refuse this position if tendered to him.

Senator Bourne has made a strong fight to have Mr. Schuebel's nomination confirmed but it is apparent that by reason of Senator Fulton's influential position on the judiciary committee, he has been able to prevent confirmation.

### RAILROADS GETTING HONEST.

George Miller Has a Tobacco Pouch Returned to Him.

George R. Miller has returned from a visit at Mount Angel and Silverton. At the former town he was the guest of Talbot Hook. On his way from Silverton to Mount Angel Mr. Miller went into the smoker and took a pull at his pipe, placing a sack of tobacco on the ledge of the car window, while engaged in the process of filling his briar. He forgot all about the sack of tobacco and left it on the car and was greatly surprised yesterday to receive by mail the half empty sack. Mr. Miller has no idea where it came from, as his name was not on the sack and there was no one on the car whom he knew. He is inclined to believe that the Southern Pacific Company is looking out for the belongings of its passengers and that the big corporations are getting honest.

### NEW CROSSING AT SIXTH.

Southern Pacific Offers to Build Reinforced Concrete Bridge.

The City Council, Wednesday night, disposed of a vast amount of business of a routine nature. The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company signified its acceptance of its new franchise, which is practically the same as the franchise of the Home Telephone Company, granted one year ago. The company pays a license of \$100 per year and must permit other companies to use its poles, when the city so orders.

The Southern Pacific Company made a proposition to construct a reinforced concrete bridge over its tracks at some point near Sixth street to be designated by the city. This matter was referred to the committee on streets and public property, and will, no doubt, be adjusted at an early date, as the city and the hill residents are desirous of having an overhead crossing at a point between Seventh street and Fourth street, where overhead and undergrade crossings are now maintained. The city will have to build the steps and approaches to the bridge and it has not yet been determined just exactly where these approaches will be located.

Hawley Rents Charman House. Willard P. Hawley has rented the home of Mrs. Lena Charman, on the corner of Main and Ninth streets, and will occupy the residence when he returns from the East. The house is one of the finest residences in Oregon City. Mr. Hawley leaves in a few days for the East with his family, making the trip to buy machinery for his new paper mill.

Mrs. Eleanor Klepper. Eleanor Klepper, wife of H. C. Klepper, died Wednesday afternoon at her late residence in Mount Pleasant. The funeral was held this afternoon from the family home and the interment was in the Masonic Cemetery. Mrs. Klepper was born July 29, 1843, in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and is survived by her husband and one son. Her death was due to consumption.

# GLADSTONE IS AROUSED

PEOPLE STRENUOUSLY OBJECT TO NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT AT JENNINGS LODGE.

## HEARING NEXT TUESDAY

Parkplace Residents Will Try to Hold Gladstone In Line, But Have a Hard Proposition Ahead.

The people of Gladstone are up in arms because of the petition of the residents of Jennings Lodge for the formation of a new school district at the latter place, out of territory composed of the western portion of Gladstone and the Southern part of Concord. For several years the Gladstone people have been quietly biding their time until the opportune moment should arrive where their strength would permit an attempt to have a school of their own, and the effort of the residents of Jennings Lodge to slice a piece off of Gladstone's territory has only precipitated matters.

The petition of Jennings Lodge has about 25 signatures, and it said that in the proposed territory for the new district there are about 37 children of school age. On the other hand there are within the limits of Gladstone proper probably 125 children of school age, guaranteeing them a large graded school.

Gladstone is now and has been for a long time a part of the Parkplace district. The Parkplace school is on the opposite side of the Clackamas River from Gladstone, and the residents of the latter place argue that the river is the real proper division line. Parkplace has a fine school, with a complete high school course, offering exceptional advantages to the people of its district and naturally does not desire to lose Gladstone, which would result in a decrease in the values of taxable property of the district. For that reason there is every probability that an attempt will be made to assist the people of Jennings Lodge in the creation of their new district, for the portion cut off from Gladstone would work no material injury to Parkplace, but might place the people of Gladstone in a position where they would not be able to have a separate district of their own.

In the office of County School Superintendent Gary who is secretary of the district boundary board, there was filed yesterday afternoon a remonstrance against the Jennings Lodge movement and with it a petition for the establishment of a new district in Gladstone. The same names appear on both the remonstrance and petition and the list embraces every resident and property holder of Gladstone. The remonstrance says in part:

"That while we concede that the petitioners have some ground for the relief demanded, on account of the great distance to the present school in District No. 48, yet we believe that the relief sought for would not be adequate, as a school supported by so small a constituency could not afford adequate school privileges."

Along with the remonstrance against the proposition of Jennings Lodge comes the petition of the Gladstone people for the establishment of a new district, and the following arguments are presented in the petition:

"The present schoolhouse in District No. 48 (Parkplace) is situated on the south side of the Clackamas River in an inconvenient location, difficult of access, and at a great distance from a great many of the school population who reside on the north side of the Clackamas River.

"The population of said school district has been growing so fast as to lead to a present congestion in the schoolhouse, many of the schoolrooms being overcrowded, thereby rendering the school facilities inadequate and making it imperative that a new schoolhouse be erected at a very early date.

"There are many small children residing in the territory north of the Clackamas River who are of school age and yet are too small to travel the great distance necessary to reach the present schoolhouse.

"The school population lying on the northerly side of the Clackamas River is rapidly growing in numbers, making it necessary and now imperative that a school shall be erected in the center of the population on the northerly side of the river. The erection of

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a schoolhouse in Gladstone would adequately supply school facilities to the people living at or near Meldrum or Jennings Lodge who are now petitioning for a division of said district."

Parkplace evidently realizes that the whole matter has reached a critical stage and has a tentative offer to provide a one or two-room schoolhouse for Gladstone in order that the younger pupils may receive instruction nearer the home, providing Gladstone remains in the district. This proposition, however, is not satisfactory to Gladstone, whose residents know they have 125 children of school age and believe they are entitled to a district separate and apart from Parkplace, Jennings Lodge or any other place. There will probably be a meeting within a very few days at Parkplace to give the people of the district an opportunity to discuss the whole proposition, and perhaps arrive at a better understanding.

The following names are appended to the petition for the new Gladstone district: E. Harrington, H. E. Cross, Lettie G. Tooze, Alta Parrish, T. P. Wilson, Emma Wilson, James Wilkinson, Alty Grabb, James E. Smith, Leola Blount, C. A. Baxter, Grace D. Baxter, Lizzie Peters, W. C. Wilson, U. F. Wilson, J. M. McCorkle, H. S. Wilson, Franklin Clark, S. K. Blount, W. R. U'Ren, W. S. Hughes, A. Blount, Servia Blount, Maud Kennedy, Ollie Fromong, Barton Barlow, Mrs. Harriet L. Warren, C. A. Warren, A. E. Thompson, Charles Betts, A. Byron, J. Jensen, P. G. Wanblad, Georgia P. Meldrum, John W. Meldrum, K. L. Trevatt, Elizabeth W. Cheney, J. N. Holvatt, M. Hollowell, Richard Becker, Sarah Rinearson, Josef Bauer, Ottenio Bauer, C. Gallogly, H. C. Salisbury, A. E. Hughes, Mrs. S. M. Schooley, J. A. Hughes, James Buckbee, P. C. Buckbee, William H. Miller, Etta Miller, Hannah Gilmore, John Gilmore, Mrs. Laura Smith, Olive Rivers, William Rivers, George Hulbert, Elizabeth Hulbert, Mrs. W. J. McMillan, Mrs. Anna S. Hayes, Edith Smith, C. T. Tooze, William F. Schooley, W. E. Johnson, Chambers Howell, C. W. Parrish, E. P. Carter, Mrs. Edward Harrington, Mrs. Eleanor Niles, Mrs. E. P. Carter, Mr. Freytag, J. C. Schmidt, C. Bartsch, Mrs. Orpha T. Cross, Mrs. J. Tingle, Morton Bell, Mrs. Merton Bell, Carl Johnson, Henry Erickson, F. E. Took, Mrs. W. A. Cross, Terence McGuire, Truman Avery, William C. Phillip, O. E. Freytag, O. Olson, A. Jones, W. D. Hodges, Henry Spies, Andy White, J. White, John Anderson, D. C. Hostand, C. B. Johnson, J. J. Edgren, J. W. Anderson, C. H. Dauchy, M. A. Dauchy, John McGetchle, Grant Olds, W. R. Dann, Lizzie Dann, Nora E. Rall, H. H. Hughes, Mrs. O. E. Freytag, P. Harris, Mrs. William LaSalle, Alexander Gill, Mrs. Elysa Grant, Mrs. H. T. Sladen, W. C. Chaney, Thomas F. Ryan, D. K. Bill, J. D. Garlick, A. F. Parker, W. A. Cross, L. A. Rall, W. C. Anderson, Mrs. W. C. Anderson, James Dunmire.

The dairy cow is very fond of succulent feed, and does her best when she receives a liberal allowance the year around. In order to accomplish this end most economically, the silo is necessary. The farmers that have silage can protect their cows from shrinking in milk.

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# TACKLESON JURY HANGS

FOUR MEN HOLD OUT FOR CONVICTION OF SALOONMAN FOR 21 HOURS.

## JESSE FOUND GUILTY

Ben Bermosher and Peter Holberg, Charged With Selling Liquor to Minors, Are Fined \$175 Each.

J. W. Roots, A. J. Marra, D. M. Marshall and James Partlow stood firmly for the conviction of H. K. Tackleson, who is charged with selling liquor to minors at Canby. These four men, while outnumbered two to one, declined to admit the possibility of the innocence of Tackleson and after being out 21 hours the jury reported that they were unable to agree, and were discharged at noon yesterday by Judge McBride. The eight men who voted for acquittal were Charles Thompson, Fred Hoff, John Weismandel, M. E. Gaffney, W. E. Jones, J. A. Tufts, John Baney and Fred Schaefer.

Tackleson's case was the last of the four Canby indictments to be tried. The cases of Ben Bermosher and his barkeeper, Peter Holberg, were called Monday and both men changed their former plea of no guilty, to a plea of guilty, and were fined \$175 each by Judge McBride. The case against James Jesse, who was Tackleson's barkeeper, was tried on Tuesday, and after being out about six hours, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty. Jesse has not been sentenced. The defense in the Jesse and Tackleson cases did not introduce any testimony, but argued that inasmuch as the indictment charged the defendants with selling beer, they were not guilty of breaking the law, as beer is not an intoxicant. Judge McBride, however, declined to instruct the jury in support of this contention. The witnesses for the defense were Charles Hutras and George Scheer, and they proved rather unwilling in the Tackleson case. District Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges and Deputy District Attorney O. D. Eby appeared for the State and the defendants were represented by James U. Campbell, of Oregon City, and Charles N. Wait, of Canby. Tackleson is held to appear at the regular April term of the Circuit Court and will probably be given a second trial.

John Boylan.

John Boylan died at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home of his grand-daughter, Mrs. Will Green, 405 Seventh Street, aged 96 years. Mr. Boylan's health had been failing for some time, on account of his advanced age. He was born in Ireland in 1812, and came to Oregon in 1882, and he is survived by six children, as follows: Mrs. J. A. Stuart, of Seaside, Or.; George Boylan, of Cathlamet, Wash., both of whom were at his bedside at the time of his death; Mrs. S. Surfus and Mrs. A. O. Alldredge, of Oregon City; Asa Boylan, of Portland, and Thomas Boylan, of Elberton, Wash. He is also survived by many grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning from the home of Mrs. Will Green, and the interment was in Mountain View Cemetery.

Miss Edna Sprague.

Miss Edna Sprague, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sprague, died Saturday morning at her home in Portland, aged 20 years, and the funeral was held there Sunday. Her sister, Lula, died last Wednesday at Redland. Both were taken ill at the same time and pneumonia was the cause of death in both instances.

Miss Lulu Sprague.

Miss Lulu Sprague died Thursday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sprague, at Redland. She was seized with an attack of pneumonia last Saturday night and death claimed her before daylight Thursday morning. Deceased was 17 years of age and is survived by her father, brother and six sisters. The funeral was held Friday and the interment was in the family cemetery.



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