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ORMER PRESIDENT TAFT is quoted as saying that the Probut that they cannot bring their principles along with them,

Mr. Taft's admirable personal qualities have served to give him an aftion as a Republican. Further, we do not believe that any body of men now that a business may be regulated to death. Saturday Evening Post. possess such power. The Republican party is not a social club. It has no committee on membership to whom intending Republicans must submit themselves. There are no black-balls in our party paraphernalia,

Men join the Republican party, or act with it from time to time, from conviction; because Republican doctrine as contained in the Republican plat form appeals to their reason; or because of qualifications or the attractive per sonality of Republican candidates. These are the only limitations upon membership in the Republican parry-and they permit the widest latitude for expression in a national platform.

Moreover, the platform change with the times. There are certain cardinal Republican doctrines which are unalterable-such as a government by law rather than by men, a tariff for protection, a vigorous foreign policy, en efficient currency. But a party of growth and of advance like ours adapts itself to the needs of the occasion. For example, the plank in the platform of 1908 relating to labor and injunctions-a plank, by the way, for which Mr. Taft contended earnestly-could have found no place in the platform of 1860 because no occasion existed for it at the earlier date.

Therefore, who can tell what will be in the platform of 1916? A government by law rather than by men? Most assuredly. A protective tariff? Yes. Efficient currency law? Certainly. A sterling expression of foreign relations? Without doubt. A just indictment of the present administration? Emphatically, yes.

to them will be a Republican. He may hold whatever other views he may choose. He may try to write these views into the platform. If they are sound views, he will succeed. But if he fails and if he still acts with the wide revulsion one year hence. Republican party, he may hold to whatever opinions he pleases as to social any other ex-president, or with any individual anywhere to say differently.

The Republican party is the party of liberty-and that is why Mr. Taft can say what he pleases and why any other Republican may say what he pleases so long as he acts in harmony with the major doctribes of the Republican party.

HE HISTORY OF ANCIENT ROME, the cause of the war in Europe and the reason why Clackamas county doesn't spend a part of compared with the workings of the city charter. The constant attendant at that document, always patched, never satisfactory and ever debated. It is in 1917. appropriate that Oregon City pay a city attorney and provide every councilthe question of proceedure is one always bobbing up.

. The formula for street improving and assessment collecting is among the most complicated. Weeks of red tape, of advertising, of delay are necessary before the improvement can begin and after the work is done still more delay, more advertising and more red tape is required before assessments can be collected or the property owners can take advantage of the Bancroft bonding the state would be benefitted with this land in use, either as graping or agri-

The city now has outstanding \$18,000 in street and sever assessments. This condition was fostered largely by the complexity of the charter. The only person who thoroughly understands the improvement red tape or thinks he understands it, is Chris Schuebel. His advice is needed every time a step is taken for the slightest misstep may aake the collection of assessments im-

The other day Mr. Schuebel began to draw up an ordinance prohibiting minors from going into poolrooms. He found before his labor was complete that the city already had such a measure, passed in 1911 under the administration of Mayor George C. Brownell.

Twice in the last four months Chief Shaw has told the council that a certain ordinance existed and then asked "Now this is the law; do you want me to enforce it? If you do, I will." The council had forgotten the ordinances in question ever existed.

The city charter needs to be simplified. Such proceedures as street improving should be made as easy as possible instead of as complicated as they are. The ordinances, now thrown together in an unorganized mass should be modified, as the city attorney suggests. No man in Oregon City knows the working of the city charter and few know the provisions of half of the ordinances.

N 1868 THE VALUE OF AMERICAN EXPORTS carried in American vessels was one hundred and seventy-five million dollars. In 1914 it was one hundred and sixty-nine million dollars. Meanwhile, EX-GOVERNOR WEST AND LOCAL total American exports rose from less than half a billion to more than two

Sincerity

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When we tell you that ours is a reliable bank, that the safety of depositors' funds is our first care, that we are anxious to be of service to the community, that we would like to be honored with your confidence and your account, we hope you will give us credit for sincerity. We believe we can be of servicé to you and that our interests are mutual. Call in any time and we will be glad to tell you more about our own way of doing business.

The Bank of Oregon City

billions. From the former date to the latter the proportion of exports car- with the unjust scheme. The revenue ants by the railroad company, the ried in American ships declined pretty steadily year after year.

Now that is mainly an effect of government regulation. Say what else ance of outlying road districts. Under therefore, that the railroad company railway company to speculators under you please about it, there is the outstanding fact that in one way or another state ownership, untaxed, they would should not only be enjoined from sales the land grant at \$2.50 an acre, they congress did most of it. Since 1868 we have built up a railroad system that fost hill formers were building and joined from any disposition of theer some and the speculator will make the es equal to that of all Europe combined and carries freight at the lowest tott- maintaining roads through them. The whatever or of the timber there in, profit. mile rate in the world. We have developed far and away the greatest steel treducible school fund would grow and from cutting or authorising the industry in the world. In the matter of shipping we were once in the world's indeed, but what a miserly portion cuttlag or removal of any of the titu- cordance with the amendment I provan. That we should now be at the tail of the procession, if American skill sacrince created it and enterprise had been given a perfectly free hand to compete of the sea with other countries, is unthinkable,

We have tried a number of experiments in the way of government regu- at a price not exceeding \$2.50 per and at the same time secure to the for \$2.50 per acre to actual settlers. lation of business. For example; there is our experiment of leaving private acre. The act of congress may very defendants all the value the granting owners to raise the capital for railroad construction while the government ing the successful applicants and the gressives of 1912 may come back into the Republican party in 1916, fixes the rates to which capital must look for its remuneration. There is our order of their selections by lot. This experiment of trying to stop the co-ordination of business into bigger units, distribution to the public of a value the district court within a reasonably worth and place the profwhich has produced only annoyance so far. But in our experiments with that has resulted from the collective fectionate place in the minds of many of his fellow-citizens, but we are not shipping we were open to foreign competition all along the line, and unless is equitable and as nearly even as it gazare that these qualities or the fact that he was once our president permit all forecasts of the effect of our latest adventure in that field—the Seaman's can be made. Purchasers do not de-Mr. Taft to pose as the sole judge of individual qualification for classification for cla

> WICE IN THE LAST FIVE MONTHS the danger of railway with a thousand land owners come crossings has been demonstrated. A few months ago an automobile suddenly into a competence. Actual crossings has been demonstrated. A few months ago an automobile settlers would occupy that portion of loaded with children and a Southern Pacific train collided near the lands fit for agricultural purposes. Eugene with the usual result that several were killed. Wednesday of this Timbered areas would await a marweek there was another accident of this same kind when four men lost their ket, meanwhile contributing to the lives in a collission of an automobile truck and an electric train near Tualatin. of state and county governments, and

Every level crossing of a railroad track and a public road is a possible at the same time constituting a credit manding importance to a state or to a group of states and which never find death trap. The danger of a collision between a speeding train and an automobile is always present. Sign posts, wig-wag signals and even watchmen fortunes instead of a few large ones the interest the state has in the lands are not always enough to prevent death.

Overhead crossings are the best methods of accident prevention. When vast estates, mark the prosperous, prowagon or automobile is not forced to cross a track, the possibility of a tragery, such as western Oregon has witnessed in the last five months, is ants of Oregon, whose industry has this conference that the congress of forced, it meant that it could be enremoved entirely. Such crossings are, in most cases, expensive but is not created the great wealth stored in the United States should enact laws forced," insisted Mr. Dimick. the guarantee against loss of life worth it?

Clackamas county, like every other crossed by railroad, has this same scheme may fall utterly; and that the terms of said acts, and what shall be danger. It is impossible to tell when a train will hit a wagon or automobile governor's wise plan to devote the rewith fatal results within our own county boundaries. On the road from may be carried out, substantially in Oregon City to Gladstone there is an ideal setting for another one of these the manner originally intended. sudden tragedies, yet there is probably not another place in the county where an overhead crossing could be more easily constructed.

These will form the basis of Republican doctrine. Whoever subscribes T IS REFRESHING to note the belligerent attitude a few of the Democrats in the house and senate have assumed now that premonitory quakings warn them they are about to be pitched into oblivion by a nation-

Senator Furnifold Simmons, of North Carolina, chairman of the senjustice, the initiative, the referendum, the recall, or any other fundamentals are committee on finance, now swash-buckles around in a suit of borrowed of local government. So long as he votes the Republican ticket he will be a armor four sizes too large and declares himself for a huge bond issue to progood enough Republican for us-and it will not lie with Mr. Taft, or with vide for an adequate navy. Heretofore Mr. Simmons' espousal of the cause of national preparedness has been about as ardent as that of a Kentucky ATTACK MADE BY O. W. EASTHAM lands." colonel for the Hobson anti-redeye amendment.

But while Furnifold has glimpsed enough of the light to encourage him to take his place in the sun, his fellow-statesman and coadjutor, Representative Claude Kitchen, still snuggles the Bryan dove to his palpitating bosom and strives with soft accents to smoothe the wrinkled front of grim-visaged war. HARVEST FOR UNSCRUPULOUS Claude is the next chairman of the ways and means committee of the house Thus we are to have the pleasing spectacle of two tar-heeled incense-swing its road money for real roads are easy, one-two-three subjects when ers, each chairman of the most powerful committee of his respective branch of congress, differing in diagnosis of national symptoms. When such Demcouncil meetings is forced to view with awe and wonder the complexity of octatic leaders disagree, who shall decide? Answer: The Republican party

man with copies of the charter and it is easy to understand why, even then, HE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OREGON have become united on one matter in regard to the Oregon & California grant lands. There is no debate in regard to the necessity of putting actual settlers on the land. Conservation has few friends in Oregon.

Three million and two hundred thousand acres are tied up in Oregon "O. W. Eastham is severe critic of terms similar to those made upon and of that acreage, 92,000 are in Clackamas county. Every citizen in Schuebel plan, proposal to build up lands under the reclamation act cultural lands or timber property.

Aside from the benefits of new settlers, a return of the property to no desire to enter into a new spaper sible assistance in the development Clackamas county, and E. J. Stack, private and taxable ownership would be a substantial aid to county and other person in connection with the chase of said lands by said actual set. on resolutions, withdrew from it bestate management. Sixty thousand dollars are tied up in unpaid taxes in Orecon & California ras one, tand there, and that actual settlers now cause they believed that the rule un-Clackamas county alone on grant lands.

It is only in the east that conservation is urged and the possibility that slightest attention to the article were congress, influenced by sentiment on the Atlantic coast and not the state affected, will close for many years the vast tracts is feared.

# O. W. EASTHAM IS SEVERE CRITIC OF SCHUEBEL'S PLAN

PROPOSAL TO BUILD UP SCHOOL FUND BY GRANT LAND SALES IS RIDICULED

REPRESENTATIVE CALLED ALLIES

Rights of Railroad Must Be Respected Warns Attorney, Who Explains Views on Problem-Original Plan Highly Approved.

that our senators and congressmen one-fourth the area of Oregon, a state may be expected to take their cue reserve of near two million acres, from the sentiment prevailing at the gathering and to voice that sentiment

n Washington this coming winter. If the true interest of Oregon finds expression at the conference a decided stand will be taken that congress enact no law including these lands in a government reserve; that they be disposed of substantially as the original grant provided and in such manner as to return them immediately to private, taxable ownership.

Court Decision Explained. The gist of the supreme court's de-

method for carrying out its original flict with rights of the original par- whether I am representing the best been placed upon the market for act- to the actual contents of the proposed ties to the contract, will be embodied interests of the people of this state. ual settlers at \$2.50 per acre and the rule. originally imposed no doubt; thus the California railroad land grant ques- have the opportunity. government can, and should, omit the condition that the lands be sold to tempt to infringe on any right advan- the lands for its own benefit. tageous to the company, such action will be the signal for renewed litigahave the land sold not to exxceed office who pretend to be friends of the terest. \$2.50 per acre would probably be con- poor man. strued as advantageous to the company, since the company cannot receive the excess over that sum, and purposes and the men who are trying swer admitted it was worth \$30,000. it would claim the right to limit the to help them and at the same time one and I am sure we could safely estiprice in order to expedite a sale. This is the situation that will prove an impassable barrier to any plan to upon any man as to his integrity or acres of agricultural land (although it to the secretary,

sell the lands en masse to the state honesty of purpose on this question would be sold to the actual settler at or for its benefit to the highest bidder. nor do I wish to be understood as plac- \$2.50 per acre instead of \$19.00 per the gentlemen appointed from the This feature must have the first at- ing Mr. Eastham in any of the partitention of the conference when ex-Gov- cular classes I have mentioned. I wilt | 000 worth of timber land that could OREGON CITY, Sept. 15 .- (Editor ernor West, supported by C. Schuebel, try to give the facts as I see them and not be used for agricultural purposes. the Enterprise.)—The Oregon & and other political allies, unfold their then let the people judge. I should From the sale of the timber land the California land grant conference at impracticable plan of state purchase. Salem on the 16th inst., will express separate timber sale and reforestal any other person, before any audience per acre or \$5,000,000 and the school this body. Our organizations are the desires of this state with refer- tion. The proposal to add many mil- and allow him the opening and closing fund would receive \$25,000,000. ence to the disposal of over two mil- lions to the irreducible school fund is to discuss the amendment I introduced lion acres of Oregon lands. A prac- a talking proposition; the fact that the in regard to the disposition of the land as proposed by my friend East- affairs, as being detrimental to good ticable policy may find expression at scheme can never mature may not grant lands, as a public discussion is ham, which is virtually the same as the meeting and the day may be giv- greatly lessen its value as political more satisfactory than a newspaper the resolution adopted by the conferen over to the presentation of vision- capital. But an examination of the article. Not only Clackamas county ary schemes and the diffusion of emp- project leads to the inevitable conclu- but the whole state of Oregon, is vitalty oratory; but the importance of the sion that its adoption would add to the ly interested in having this question ber land, at \$2.50 per acre. If the occasion is emphasized by the fact government reserves, that now include settled and settled right.

West's Viewpoint Questioned standable how anyone having at heart on this case said; cision is that the terms of the grant, area of the grant lands could fall in the prolonged disregard of the coven- of the land frauds.

from these lands, while they were sub- lands invite now more to speculation

Original Deal Recailed

The grant to the railroad company industry of the inhabitants of the state munity profits directly, as does, in til congress shall act, and the court in is trying to get hold of a 4-section of decreasing ratio, the whole state.

Think of the renewed business activity throughout Clackamas county, upkeep of roads, schools and expense commonly recognized that many small state and at the same time to protect -many small farms instead of a few

gressive community. In the true interest of the inhabitthe forests of the O. & C. land grant, defining and settling who shall be

O. W. EASTHAM.

IS ANSWERED BY ONE WHO

ATTENDED MEETING.

# GRAFTERS FEARED BY SCHUEBEL

Mr. Schuebel is Willing to Meet Any Person for Debate on Resolution Passed Last Week at Salem -Amendment Given.

of the Enterprise)-In your Issue of school fund of the state of Oregon; September 16 you had an article writconcerned. I should not have paid the first opportunity to purchase. it not for the fact that I was a dele- unalterably opposed to any further inamendment to the original resolution of Oregon." which amendment was defeated. The

be pleased to meet Mr. Eastham, or railroad company would receive \$2,50 thing that is not duly considered by

lion five hundred thousand acres of timber land as a settler could not tions. land claimed by the railroad company, make a living on the timber land, it according to the best information that not being fit for agricultural purposes. action in so doing is unanimously ap-It is conceivable that ex-Governor I have. About five hundred thousand West, who is a resident of Multno- acres is agricultural land, not valuable mah county, might expect Clackamas for timber, and the balance, is chiefly county and other counties similarly valuable for timber and in some in- \$400 and sell it just as soon as he situated to forego the advantages of stances, when the timber is removed, including in their assessment rolls the land can be used for agriculture two million acres of land for the pur- purposes, but the greater part of the used in large part in maintaining will never be used for agricultural par- people of the whole state. Portland schools; but it is not under- poses. The supreme court in passing

time, not less than six mouths, from its in a fund that will assist in eduthe entry of the decree herein, for a cuting the children of the coming modification of so much of the in generations so long as Oregon rejunction herein ordered as enjoins any disposition of the lands and timber anits discretion may modify the decree timber that is worth \$10,000 for \$400 accordingly."

This, then, beyond any question gives the railroad company an equity of \$2.50 per acre and also indicate that the supreme court is not in favo of the strict enforcement of the gran because the lands tends more to spe ulation than to settlement.

The governor called a conference to device a plan to open up the land for It is settlement, for the development of the

The following resolution was erepared and submitted by the commit-tions tee on resolutions: Resolved that it is the sense of

let it be hoped that the West-Schuebel sidered an actual settler under th requiring the grantees under said act perform the terms and conditions of said act, and sell and dispose of said lands, according to the true intent and purpose of said acts to such actual settlers, and he it further

Resolved, that we are unalterably they had to import this chap from San opposed to any further increase forest reserves in the state of Oregon. and lastly, be it

"Resolved, that we urge upon con gress the enactment of legislation which shall provide for the immediate sale of said grant lands in areas of 40 years." not greater than 160 acres to any one erson and to actual settlers at a price not in excess of \$2.50 per scre, and to provide against all fraud in the settlement and disposition of said

I opposed the resolution and submitted the following amendment:

considered an actual settler under the to Washington with the report t considered an actual settlement. "That trustee-ship of the lands ut

agricultural land at \$2,50 per acre to actual settlers and that all timber land shall be sold at prices consistent with its reasonable value; and

"That as sales are made a sum o not to exceed \$2.50 an acre be paid to the milros ! company, and the remain-OREGON CITY, Sept. 20 .- (Editor der be paid in to the irreducible

"That said fund be available for ten by O. W. Eastham with head lines loans to settlers upon said land on school food by grant land sale is ridi- whereby twenty years' time is given representative called all'es." I have such others terms as will lend all post this morning when C. E. S. "Be it further resolved, that we are and sharp practice.

in the court's final decree. Congress Several different classes of people are poor man who really wanted a tract will be permitted to waive conditions taking an interest in the Oregon & of land to make a living on would ing letter to Chairman Vawter, and

The land that was chifely valuable First-The railway company which for timber would have been sold, the tion by which farmers' organizations actual settlers: but if congress at is vitally interested in trying to keep railroad company receiving \$2.50 per and the Federation of Labor were acre and the surplus placed to the designated for representation on the Second-There are a large number credit of the irreducible school fund resolutions committee, we believe of persons consisting of speculators, to be reloaned to farmers at a low that the motion was carried with the tion for the court's decision, instead selfish interests, a certain class of rate of interest; being a direct beneof working a forfeiture, confirmed in lawyers who see the possibilities of fit to the man who is poor and is com- purposes were to favor our organizathe company all that was originally in- reaping a harvest and cheap politi- pelled to borrow by getting his money tended to be conveyed. The right to clans who would be candidates for on long time loans at a low rate of in-

The government in the suit estimat Third-The poor man who really ed the value of the land at \$40,000,000 desires a tract of land for agricultural while the railroad company in its an- nia railroad lands. protect the best interests of the state. mate the value at \$35,600,000 allowing and read by the official stenographer I have no desire to cast reflections \$5,000,000 in value for the 500,000 and not the one subsequently passed acre) there would still remain \$30,000.

The plan for the dispositon of the ence would provide for selling all of the land, agricultural as well as tim- objections to this procedure and conland was to be sold to actual settlers respectfully but firmly decline to There are approximately two mil-only, it would be impossible to sell the

and get possession of a 14-section of ganizations present." timber land that is worth \$10,000 for acquired title to some large timber corporation and he would make the profit in place of the profit going to

ject to taxation, was the chief depend than to settlement, and we think lands. If the lands are sold by the

If the lands should be sold in acwould come to those whose toll and her thereon, until congress shall have posed the lands would be on the tax a reasonable opportunity to provide by roll in the hands of private persons legislation for their disposition in ac- and the state school fund would make cordance with such policy as it may the profit of about \$25,000,000 and all provides that the lands shall be sold deem fitting under the circumstances, the agricultural land would be sold

I believe the best interests of the people would be served by selling the "If congress does not make such agricultural land to actual settlers and provision the defendants may apply to selling the timber land for what it is mains a state. I have no sympathy with chean politics or the fellow who under the guise of being an actual

C. SCHUEDRE.

# **ACTIVE AT CONFERENCE**

mittee that had drafted the resolu-

"When the supreme court said that the terms of the grant would be en-

"The court expected congress to take some action for disposing of the original grant. Now then, at this late

'I certainly take off my hat to Mr. Dunne as being the finished product He certainly is a smooth article. They didn't have anyone in Oregon smooth enough to put their case to you so

Francisco." Senator Dimick quoted from Mr. Unnne's remarks and declared his statements "more of that bank that the Southern Pacific has been feeding you reopie of Oregon for the last

He took occasion also to ridicule the suggestion that congress be invited to wond out a committee to look over the Education

"Whom wilyl they send?" he asked. 'A bunch of faddists, conservationists who have bottled up the state and kept nearly half our property off the "Be it resolved, that it is the sense tax rolls, and when they come here of this conference that the congress wrom will they see? They'll go around of the United States should enact laws and talk to some highbrows at the defining and settling who shall be Commercial clubs, and then go back terms of said acts, and what shall be the lands are not fit for settlement."

## der consideration be reposed in the state of Oregon with authority to sell C. E. SPENCE QUITS COMMITTEE PLACE

STATE GRANGE MASTER BE-LIEVES RULE AT SALEM CON-FERENCE IS TRICK.

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 17 .- A bomb was exploded in the faces of the delecontroversy with Mr. Eastham or any of homes only, and successful pur- members at large of the committee grant and this is final so far as I am upon said lands shall be given the der which they were appointed had been made the cloak for deception

Their action provoked an angry de gate the conference and introduced an crease of forest reserves in the state bate on the floor of the conference, reviving the controversy of yesterday This amendment was the resolution over the meaning of the amendment conference will reconvene in a short agreed upon by a conference of Ped. to the rules proposed by A. E. Clark, by which the company took title, are time and as I expect to attend the con- erated Trades, Farmers' union and of Portland, under which State Senaenforceable. The court has now given ference when it meets and again try grange delegates which I attended to Day, W. W. Cardwell and E. V. congress the opportunity to provide a to have my amendment adopted. I Wednesday evening, the 15th, at Sa. deem it propert to present the facts lem, Oregon. Under this amendment committee, in violation of the underintent, and this method, if not in con- to the public and let them judge all the agricultural lands would have standing of many of the delegates as

> Spence and Stack sent the followits reading precipitated the muddle;

"After due consideration of the mobelief and understanding that its sole tions, and increase the number of delegates from five to seven, and not to remove the provision that delegates at large be from counties in which there are no Oregon & Califor-

"It is our judgment that the motion put and carried is the one recorded

"We do not object personally to counties having Oregon & California railroad lands, but we do object to the apparent use of our organizations for the purpose of covering up anyfundamentally opposed to such methods of proceude in private or public government and savoring of old time political methods, and believing that we could not consistently voice our tinue to serve on the committee, we serve on the committee on resolu-

"We wish further to state that our The only object then could be to try proved by the delegates from our or-

Billousness and Constipation.

It is certainly surprising that any woman will endure the miserable feelings caused by biliousness and constipose of building up a school fund to be timber land is in the mountains and the school fund for the benefit of the pation, when relief is so easily had and at so little expense. Mrs. Chas. The method proposed by Mr. East- Peck, Gates, N. Y., writes: "About a "This, then, being ham would certainly provide a harvest year ago I used two bottles of Chamstandable how anyone having at heart on this case saturation from conditions for unscrupulous grafters that could beriain's Tablets and they cured me the welfare of Clackamas County of the now existing, incident, it may be, to not be compared with the baimy days of billousness and constipation." Obtainable everywhere.