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FORMER PRESIDENT TAFT is quoted as saying that the Progressives of 1912 may come back into the Republican party in 1916...

Men join the Republican party, or act with it from time to time, from conviction; because Republican doctrine as contained in the Republican platform appeals to their reason...

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...

There, 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.

These will form the basis of Republican doctrine. Whoever subscribes to them will be a Republican. He may hold whatever other views he may choose.

THE HISTORY OF ANCIENT ROME, the cause of the war in Europe and the reason why Clackamas county doesn't spend a part of its road money for real roads are easy, one-two-three subjects when compared with the workings of the city charter.

The formula for street improving and assessment collecting is among the most complicated. Weeks of red tape, of delay are necessary before the improvement can begin and after the work is done still more delay.

The city now has outstanding \$18,000 in street and sewer assessments. This condition was fostered largely by the complexity of the charter.

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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.

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billions. From the former date to the latter the proportion of exports carried in American ships declined pretty steadily year after year.

Now that is mainly an effect of government regulation. Say what else you please about it, there is the outstanding fact that in one way or another congress did most of it. Since 1868 we have built up a railroad system that is equal to that of all Europe combined...

We have tried a number of experiments in the way of government regulation of business. For example; there is our experiment of leaving private owners to raise the capital for railroad construction while the government fixes the rates to which capital must look for its remuneration.

Twice in the last five months the danger of railway crossings has been demonstrated. A few months ago an automobile loaded with children and a Southern Pacific train collided near Eugene with the usual result that several were killed.

Overhead crossings are the best methods of accident prevention. When a wagon or automobile is not forced to cross a track, the possibility of a tragedy, such as western Oregon has witnessed in the last five months, is removed entirely.

Clackamas county, like every other crossed by railroad, has this same danger. It is impossible to tell when a train will hit a wagon or automobile with fatal results within our own county boundaries.

IT 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 nationwide revulsion one year hence.

Senator Furniford Simmons, of North Carolina, chairman of the senate committee on finance, now swash-buckles around in a suit of borrowed armor four sizes too large and declares himself for a huge bond issue to provide for an adequate navy.

But while Furniford 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.

THE 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.

Three million and two hundred thousand acres are tied up in Oregon and of that acreage, 92,000 are in Clackamas county. Every citizen in the state would be benefitted with this land in use, either as grazing or agricultural lands or timber property.

Aside from the benefits of new settlers, a return of the property to private and taxable ownership would be a substantial aid to county and state management. Sixty thousand dollars are tied up in unpaid taxes in Clackamas county alone on grant lands.

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

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with the unjust scheme. The revenue from these lands, while they were subject to taxation, was the chief dependence of outlying road districts. Under state ownership, untaxed, they would continue to increase in value while foot-hill farmers were building and maintaining roads through them.

Original Deal Recalled The grant to the railroad company provides that the lands shall be sold at a price not exceeding \$2.50 per acre. The act of congress may very well enforce the provision, determining the successful applicants and the order of their selections by lot.

Think of the renewed business activity throughout Clackamas county, with a thousand land owners come suddenly into a competence. Actual settlers would occupy that portion of the lands fit for agricultural purposes.

The governor called a conference to devise a plan to open up the land for settlement, for the development of the state and at the same time to protect the interest the state has in the lands.

Resolved that it is the sense of this conference that the congress of the United States should enact laws defining and settling who shall be considered an actual settler under the terms of said acts, and what shall be considered an actual settlement, and requiring the grantees under said act to 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 actual settlers, and, be it further

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

I opposed the resolution and submitted the following amendment: "Be it resolved, that it is the sense of this conference that the congress of the United States should enact laws defining and settling who shall be considered an actual settler under the terms of said acts, and what shall be considered an actual settlement."

That trustee-ship of the lands under consideration be reposed in the state of Oregon with authority to sell 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 an sales are made a sum of not to exceed \$2.50 an acre, be paid to the railroad company, and the remainder be paid in to the irreducible school fund of the state of Oregon.

That said fund be available for loans to settlers upon said land on terms similar to those made upon lands under the reclamation act whereby twenty years' time is given at easy annual payments, or upon such other terms as will lend all possible assistance in the development of homes; only and successful purchase of said lands by said actual settlers, and that actual settlers now upon said lands shall be given the first opportunity to purchase.

Be it further resolved, that we are unalterably opposed to any further increase of forest reserves in the state of Oregon.

This amendment was the resolution agreed upon by a conference of Federated Trades, Farmers' union and grange delegates which I attended Wednesday evening, the 15th, at Salem, Oregon. Under this amendment all the agricultural lands would have been placed upon the market for actual settlers at \$2.50 per acre and the poor man who really wanted a tract of land to make a living on would have the opportunity.

The land that was chiefly valuable for timber would have been sold, the railroad company receiving \$2.50 per acre and the surplus placed to the credit of the irreducible school fund to be loaned to farmers at a low rate of interest; being a direct benefit to the man who is poor and is compelled to borrow by getting his money on long time loans at a low rate of interest.

The government in the suit estimated the value of the land at \$40,000,000 while the railroad company in its answer admitted it was worth \$20,000,000 and I am sure we could safely estimate the value at \$25,000,000 allowing \$5,000,000 in value for the 500,000 acres of agricultural land (although it would be sold to the actual settler at \$2.50 per acre instead of \$19.00 per acre) there would still remain \$20,000,000 worth of timber land that could not be used for agricultural purposes.

From the sale of the timber land the railroad company would receive \$2.50 per acre or \$5,000,000 and the school fund would receive \$25,000,000.

The plan for the disposition of the land as proposed by my friend Eastham, which is virtually the same as the resolution adopted by the conference would provide for selling all of the land, agricultural as well as timber land, at \$2.50 per acre. If the land was to be sold to actual settlers only, it would be impossible to sell the timber land as a settler could not make a living on the timber land, it not being fit for agricultural purposes.

The only object then could be to try and get possession of a 1/4-section of timber land that is worth \$10,000 for \$400 and sell it just as soon as he acquired title to some large timber corporation and he would make the profit in place of the profit going to the school fund for the benefit of the people of the whole state.

The method proposed by Mr. Eastham would certainly provide a harvest for unscrupulous grafters that could not be compared with the balmy days of the land frauds.

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Misstatements are also being made in regard to the question of taxing the lands. If the lands are sold by the railway company to speculators under the land grant at \$2.50 an acre, they will be in the hands of private persons and the speculator will make the profit.

If the lands should be sold in accordance with the amendment I proposed the lands would be on the tax roll in the hands of private persons and the state school fund would make the profit of about \$25,000,000 and all the agricultural land would be sold for \$2.50 per acre to actual settlers.

I believe the best interests of the people would be served by selling the agricultural land to actual settlers and selling the timber land for what it is reasonably worth and place the profits in a fund that will assist in educating the children of the coming generations so long as Oregon remains a state. I have no sympathy with cheap politics or the fellow who is trying to get hold of a 1/4-section of timber that is worth \$10,000 for \$400 under the guise of being an actual settler.

C. SCHUEBEL.

CLACKAMAS MEN ARE ACTIVE AT CONFERENCE

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Committee that had drafted the resolutions.

"When the supreme court said that the terms of the grant would be enforced, it meant that it could be enforced," insisted Mr. Dimick.

"The court expected congress to take some action for disposing of the original grant. Now then, at this late day the railroad comes along with a suggestion that we compromise."

"I certainly take off my hat to Mr. Dunne as being the finished product. He certainly is a smooth artist. They didn't have anyone in Oregon smooth enough to put their case to you so they had to import this chap from San Francisco."

Senator Dimick quoted from Mr. Dunne's remarks and declared his statements "more of that bunk that the Southern Pacific has been feeding you people of Oregon for the last 47 years."

He took occasion also to ridicule the suggestion that congress be invited to send out a committee to look over the situation.

"When will they send?" he asked. "A bunch of faddists, conservationists who have bottled up the state and kept nearly half our property off the tax rolls, and when they come here work will they see? They'll go around and talk to some highbrows at the Commercial clubs, and then go back to Washington with the report 'the lands are not fit for settlement.'"

C. E. SPENCE QUILTS COMMITTEE PLACE

STATE GRANGE MASTER BELIEVES RULE AT SALEM CONFERENCE IS TRICK.

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 17.—A bomb was exploded in the faces of the delegates to the land grant conference this morning when C. E. Spence, of Clackamas county, and E. J. Stack, members at large of the committee on resolutions, withdrew from it because they believed that the rule under which they were appointed had been made the cloak for deception and sharp practice.

Their action provoked an angry debate on the floor of the conference, reviving the controversy of yesterday over the meaning of the amendment to the rules proposed by A. E. Clark, of Portland, under which State Senator Day, W. W. Cardwell and E. V. Carter were added to the resolutions committee in violation of the understanding of many of the delegates as to the actual contents of the proposed rule.

Spence and Stack sent the following letter to Chairman Vawter, and its reading precipitated the middle: "After due consideration of the motion by which farmers' organizations and the Federation of Labor were designated for representation on the resolutions committee, we believe that the motion was carried with the belief and understanding that its sole purposes were to favor our organizations, 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 & California railroad lands."

"It is our judgment that the motion put and carried is the one recorded and read by the official stenographer and not the one subsequently passed to the secretary."

"We do not object personally to the gentlemen appointed from the counties having Oregon & California railroad lands, but we do object to the apparent use of our organizations for the purpose of covering up anything that is not duly considered by this body. Our organizations are fundamentally opposed to such methods of procedure in private or public affairs, as being detrimental to good government and savoring of old time political methods, and believing that we could not consistently voice our objections to this procedure and continue to serve on the committee, we respectfully but firmly decline to serve on the committee on resolutions."

"We wish further to state that our action in so doing is unanimously approved by the delegates from our organizations present."

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