

STOPPED NEWS

C. E. S. Wood Thus Characterizes Present System.

WHY FRAUD IS THE RESULT

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"Blame for the atrocious and far-reaching land frauds in Oregon lies not so much with the men against whom indictments have been or may be returned, but with the iniquitous feudal system of landholding which survives in this country at the late day," said C. E. S. Wood in the course of an interesting and instructive address under the auspices of the Young People's Culture Union of Temple Beth Israel at Concordia Club Hall last evening.

"The system is all wrong and just about as stupid as human ingenuity could devise. When the early Anglo-Saxon conquerors of Britain first terminated or subjugated the islanders, the chieftains stood upon mountain tops and parcelled out the land to their sub-chiefs, they in turn dividing the provinces or counties among their men-at-arms.

Back to King Charles. "Charles, sitting in Whitehall one morning, with a few strokes of a quill gave Pennsylvania to William Penn, although he had never seen the land and had no moral right to it. He gave Maine to Mason in the same manner and other vast grants to adventurers and favorites that they might pay their debts from the proceeds of their princely gifts.

"This wicked and illogical method of holding land was brought to this country from England where it had been a source of feudal tyranny, but accepted here and incorporated into our constitution and statutes. The title to the public domain was vested in Congress to dispose of by simple paper deeds as it was with the king in England and since the formation of the Government we have been saddled with it. Consequently we have had land frauds from the very beginning.

Engineered by Corporation Lobbyists. "The timber and stone act was engineered by corporation lobbyists for the purpose of securing monopolies on our timber lands. The law is ridiculous but admirably framed for their purpose. It is an invitation to steal. Under its terms the corporation may acquire as much as 100 acres of land. Now 100 acres of timber would be the individual the slightest good unless he can sell it. It is not enough to want to buy the timber, mills, make the timber into lumber and build transportation facilities for getting either his lumber or logs to market. Consequently he sells it at the first opportunity to the corporation who inspired the law.

"The title to all land should be based upon actual occupation and use. That is the only sound economic basis of realty possession. If the law of the water was applied to the land there would be no such thing as a fraud. "A man goes out upon the sea to fish. Another man goes to the sea to bring his boat alongside and fish with the same right. A man should be permitted to hold land only as he improves it. If he does not improve it, the land should be returned to the public domain. "The subject of the speaker's address was "Economic Freedom," and he touched upon a wide variety of subjects bearing upon the question. Before the speaker was introduced, Miss May said "Dry" they were "dry" when Mr. Wood concluded Dr. Stephen S. Wise made a few remarks.

COUNCILMAN MAKES REPLY. Takes Issue With W. B. Hall as to East Side Improvement. PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 28.—(To the Editor.) My attention has been called to an article appearing in yesterday morning's Oregonian in which you stated that you had no objection to my speaking in your valuable paper to the effect that the East Side improvement is a waste of money, and that the only way to improve the East Side is to improve the water supply to the East Side. I have the honor to reply to you that the only way to improve the East Side is to improve the water supply to the East Side. I have the honor to reply to you that the only way to improve the East Side is to improve the water supply to the East Side.

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was not for the revenue that the city has obtained from the taxes on the land for the past 18 months or two years they would have received no assistance in the improvement of East Street... The title to the public domain was vested in Congress to dispose of by simple paper deeds as it was with the king in England and since the formation of the Government we have been saddled with it.

IS ACCUSED OF EXTORTION. Edward D. Gee Arrested on Complaint of Two Women. Edward D. Gee, living at 83 North Tenth street, was arrested at 9:15 o'clock last night at Sixth and Davis streets by Patrolmen Seymour and Jones for extortion and impersonating an officer.

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