

CHAMBERLAIN USES "BUNK" IS CHARGE

Ex-Governor Geer Shows How Facts About School Land Are Misrepresented.

NO LOOTING IS STOPPED

No Millions Saved for Children and No Gang Prevented From Gobbling Up Countless Acres, Says Former Executive.

PORTLAND, Oct. 27.—(To the Editor.)—Although the only real issue before the people of Oregon in the campaign is whether they want a continuance of present conditions, business stagnation and a levy of a direct tax of \$100,000,000 on their pockets to make up the Democratic extravagance in Congress, the local Democratic machine relies almost wholly for success upon a repetition of the charge that Chamberlain is entitled to unlimited credit for his "conservation of the school fund," and that he "saved millions of dollars for the use of the school children" and countless acres of land that were being "gobbled up" by a "gang of looters," etc.

All this is grossly misrepresentative of the facts that I desire to notice for the benefit of public information and to show how completely saturated with political buncombe it all is.

Nobody has ever looted the school fund of Oregon. Nobody has ever stolen an acre of its lands. A mistake was made in the beginning by the Legislature in providing for the sale of the school lands at the low figures indicated in the law, but it is not a question of selling them at the figures named or retaining the lands and having no money in the fund. The people of all parties sanctioned this policy, and, though a mistake, it was maintained from the beginning.

Sale Is Required.

In 1887, during Penney's term as Governor, the Legislature provided that the State Land Board "is authorized and required" to "sell the remaining unsold school, university and Capitol building lands, also lands granted to the state by the United States adjoining Salt Springs, also lands granted to the state for internal improvements, which have been or may hereafter be selected at the uniform price of \$1.25 an acre."

This seems amazing at this time, but it was the law, approved by that good Democratic Governor, and Chamberlain, noy and was not opposed by anybody anywhere.

That law also required that proposed purchasers of lands should themselves supply the base, a custom followed throughout the years, before and since, especially as to lands whose mineral character had to be determined under the process provided by the Federal Government. The State of Oregon has never engaged in this business, but has left it to private enterprise, if there were those who desired to undertake it.

Refunds Are Provided.

In the early days the school funds of the state were held by the County Treasurers and school superintendents, as a result of which the records were located in all the counties, and, necessarily, when they were collected and deposited at the state capital, there were thousands of discrepancies and contradictions. These came to the surface so often in the hands of all the Governors that the sale of a tract of land to which the state afterward found it could not give title was so common that the law provided, and still provides, that when an instance of such character occurs, the state shall refund the money paid to the purchaser with interest.

So certain was Governor Lord that during his term he had disposed of all the low lands that might accrue to the state, that in his message to the Legislature, at the expiration of his term, he advised the abolition of the office of State Land Agent on the ground that there was nothing left for it to do, and this recommendation was made also by his land agent, T. W. Davenport.

On February 2, 1899, I sent a special message to the Legislature calling attention to the fact that under the preceding two years there had been sold 150,000 acres of indemnity lands, leaving but 14,000 acres, and advising that they be withdrawn from sale, saying that there was already a surplus of school fund unloaned amounting to \$450,000, and that the money was not needed in the treasury, and that "it may be too late to lock the stable door, but it is better to save one good horse than to lose the herd."

Reducing Rate Urged.

I also requested the reduction of the rate required on loans from the school fund from 8 to 5 per cent, adding that "within the last few weeks the board of school land commissioners has had applications for several millions of dollars before they could be perfected the applicants found money elsewhere for 7 per cent and the board refused the loans."

This reduction was made, and was an improvement, but in 1902 the surplus school funds in the treasury amounted to \$729,000, for the reason that school districts and other municipalities needing money could get it from several large Eastern corporations then lending money in Oregon at 5 per cent, and few applications were made to the state.

This condition was pointed out to the Legislature that met in 1903, both in my message and by the State Land Board in its report to that body.

NO MORE GRAY HAIR! FINE NATURAL COLOR

Brought Back by Miraculous New Discovery. Dandruff Killed.

Ladies—you whose youthful bloom is fast disappearing—gray hair, why don't you bring back the faded strands to the color of the youth you were? Science has made it easy—yes, and most certain and positive. All you need do is to go to your nearest drug store and buy a bottle of **Hay's Hair Health**. This refined and dainty preparation, which is the most particular ladies in America, is applied to the hair easily, it quickly and without any annoyance—just as you would any other fine hair dressing. From the very start, a wonderful change is made gradually, but surely. The gray and faded hairs, acted upon by the oxygen of the air, your hair, the fine, brilliant dark color they were originally. Hay's Hair Health is not a dye, it is a positively harmless to the most delicate hair or scalp, which should be welcome news to the millions of men and women who fear dyes because of their known harmfulness.

Any one who wishes to do so may try it at the risk of the manufacturer, **PHILO HAY COMPANY, NEWARK, N. J.** Simply get a bottle from your druggist—25c, 50c or \$1.00, and if you are not satisfied the price will be returned.

his colleagues on the Land Board, read the riot act to them and asserted that he himself put the money out at interest "for the school children," etc.

But an examination of the records in the office of the clerk of the State Land Board discloses the fact that Chamberlain was himself not present at all during 20 meetings of the body, during which over \$600,000 of that money was granted to applicants for it. He was away handsaking and abusing his colleagues who were "at their post of duty," lending out the funds to the people which had been made possible through their recommendations to the Legislature before Chamberlain was inaugurated.

Statements From Records.

All these statements are from the records and the laws of the state. During my term of office the price of school lands had been raised by the Land Board to \$5 an acre and we had inaugurated as an experiment the system of selling lands to the highest bidder, after advertising the same, some bringing \$1.70 an acre and a part as low as \$1.50.

Of the creation of the Blue Mountain reserve in 1902 the Land Board said to the Legislature: "No information or knowledge of the contemplated establishment of these reserves was furnished the Land Board by the Government, the only information being received through the public press, after nearly every section of school land in the reserves had been applied for and sold. This fact naturally leads to the conclusion that the purchasers of these lands were informed in some manner of the intention of including them within the reserves."

Policy Is Mistake.

As I have said, the policy of selling our lands at a low figure has doubtless been a mistake, but it was the established policy, made so by law, at times the minimum price being actually reduced in order to stimulate the disposition of them, but it was acquiesced in by all the people, by all political parties, and has only remained a little machine of designing politicians to shout itself hoarse about "looting the school fund," and "stealing the state's lands."

The school fund has never been "looted," save as it is smaller than it should have been, if the price of its school lands had been placed at a higher figure, and not an acre of its lands has ever been secured by anybody without the state's price being paid into the treasury.

This is why everybody is beginning to understand that the present Democratic campaign, in all respects, but especially as to Chamberlain's wonderful work for the school fund, is one of bunk, pretense and deception.

T. T. GEER.

KILLING IS DESCRIBED

SECONDINO COCCO SLAIN IN SELF-DEFENSE, ASSERTED.

Friends of Giovanni Luciano, Who Is on Trial for Murder, Say Shooting Was Result of Strife.

The shooting of Secondino Cocco by Giovanni Luciano was described in Judge McGinnis' court yesterday by witnesses to the affray. The state which charges murder in the first degree and that the shooting was premeditated, rested its case. The defense, alleging the fatal shots were fired in self-defense, put on its first witnesses shortly before the close of yesterday's session.

The shooting occurred in a saloon at 641 Fourth street on the night of September 19. Luciano, proprietor of the place, shot Cocco, a patron, twice, following a quarrel over the saloon. In the midst of a game arguments arose. A bystander testified that friends of the men intervened. The prisoner, one witness said, drew a revolver and said he would shoot Cocco if Cocco was not taken out of the place. Friends induced Cocco to leave the saloon.

Shortly afterward he returned, having announced, said a witness for the defense, that he would go home, but would come back and kill Luciano.

The defense will continue this line of evidence today.

Police Officers Shaffer and Morelock, who were called to the place immediately after the affray, testified as to the circumstances of the alleged crime, as did Leo Goetsch, who took charge of the body of the victim.

SUIT ON CHURCH IS VOID

L. C. Howell Must Sue Company, Not Owner, for Loss of Sight.

Suing the Western Oregon Conference of Seventh Day Adventists for injuries received while employed at the store conducted by members of this faith, at 508 East Everett street, for \$25,000 for the loss of the sight of one eye, Lewis C. Howell was non-suited in Judge Davis' court yesterday because the suit was not directed against the corporation that conducts the store.

It was alleged that the young man was directed to open a box of goods with a hatchet. Striking the hatchet with a hammer to pry off the lid resulted in a piece of steel flying into one eye. The sight of the left eye was completely destroyed and is alleged. The suit will be brought again and the proper corporation named.

TWO WAPATO HOUSES BURN

WAPATO, Wash., Oct. 27.—(Special.)—Two Wapato houses were destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The flames originated in an empty dwelling. It was almost destroyed before the fire was discovered. The other residence, which was occupied, caught fire before the arrival of the fire department. The houses were owned by A. C. Dorset, and were valued at \$2000. They were insured for \$2000. How the fire originated is a mystery.

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\$4 Blankets At \$1.98

Basement—Wool Blanket Robes—mill seconds, with very slight imperfections. Extra heavy grades, suitable for auto and domestic use. Shown in fancy check patterns. Standard \$3.50 and \$4.00 Wool **\$1.98**

\$2.50 Lace Curtains 98c Pair

Basement—Special purchase of 400 pairs fine Curtains—Nottingham, Nets and Serims—in white and ecru. 2½ to 3½ yards in length and good full width. Curtains worth to \$2.50 a pair. Special at only **98c**

"RED LETTER DAY" Today in the Premium Parlors, 4th Floor—10 Free Stamps to All Visitors Charge Purchases Made Today and the Remainder of This Month Will Go on Your November Account

Genuine Cane Sugar 16 lbs. for \$1

Department Fourth Floor—No deliveries except with other purchases made in the Grocery Department.

Olds, Wortman & King

Reliable Merchandise—Reliable Methods

Pacific Phone Marshall 4800 Home Phone A 6231

Toilet Paper 5c In the Basement

Limit, 20 rolls to a customer and positively no telephone orders filled at this price. Full 1000 sheets to the roll. 10c Toilet Paper for **5c**

Basement "Red Letter Day" Sales Today Double Stamps Today With Basement Cash Purchases

\$15-\$20 Winter Suits At \$7.85

Basement—Another great one-day sale of Women's and Misses' Tailored Suits in the Underprice Store Wednesday. Shrewd women will be here early in the day and get first choosing. Splendidly tailored from good heavy Winter-weight materials. Coats are lined with excellent quality silks and satins. Serviceable Suits for general wear in the much-wanted dark colors. Garments made to sell at **\$15 to \$20** grouped into one big lot for **\$7.85**

Coats Worth to \$35 Special, \$14.98

Basement—Plush, Velvet, Baby Lamb Coats—a special purchase of 188 garments offered in the Underprice Store today, at about manufacturer's cost. High-grade materials, many with Skinner's satin lining. Coats **\$14.98** worth up to \$35.00, on sale at **\$14.98**

\$10 Sample Dress Skirts \$4.98

Basement—Manufacturer's sample line of Women's Dress Skirts—new Fall and Winter models, in plain colors and fancy mixtures. **\$4.98** Skirts worth to \$10.00. Special

Beautiful Silk Waists at \$1.98 \$1.25 Wash Waists for 59c

Basement—Plain and fancy Silk Waists in great assortment of attractive new models. Trimmed with frills, laces, nets, etc. Waists worth up to \$5.00. **\$1.98** Special Wednesday

Women's \$5 to \$6 Bath Robes \$3.98 Flannelette Kimonos for 49c Each

Basement—Women's Bathrobes of extra fine quality materials and beautiful colors. Trimmed with frogs and cord. Very acceptable gifts. Standard \$5.00 and \$6.00 Robes. **\$3.98** Special Wednesday

Women's 75c Outing Flannel Gowns at 59c \$2.50 Corsets and Waists at 98c

Basement—Women's fine, warm Outing Flannel Gowns in neat patterns and good fast colors. Cut in full standard sizes. Supply your needs now. **59c** Regular 75c Gowns at **59c**

\$1 Dress Goods and Corduroys 48c Yd \$1.25 to \$1.50 Fancy Silks Special 69c Yard

In the Basement—Serges, fancy mixtures, black and white checks and corduroys in splendid qualities. This special offering embraces over 2000 yards. Standard 65c to \$1 fabrics. Yard **48c**

27-Inch Flannelettes 9c Yard

Basement—Good heavy quality Flannelettes in scores of pretty new patterns and colorings. Medium and dark. Standard **12½c** quality. Special, yd. **9c**

50-inch Pillow Tubing of good heavy quality and soft finish. Priced special, the yard 15c

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25c Cotton Batine 15c—Mill ends in good heavy quality. A great variety of hand-some new colors. Yard 15c

Mill ends Table Damask, 50c grade, the yard **36c**

Mill ends 11c Outings, 8c

Stripes, check, etc. Yard **8c**

Mill ends Galatea in 27-inch width. Special, yard **9c**

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Women's Shoes, Special \$1.98

Scores of Styles—All Popular Leathers

In the Basement—Great "Red Letter Day" Sale of Women's Shoes—thousands of pairs in this great lot from which to make your selections. Patent leather, gunmetal, vicci kid and velvets, in excellent assortment of styles and nearly **\$1.98** all sizes and widths. Don't overlook this bargain. Special, pair **\$1.98**

Women's and Children's Shoes 98c a Pair

Boys' and Girls' Shoes, Special, \$1.69 Pair

Basement—Odd lines Women's and Children's Shoes priced for a quick clean-up. Several hundred pairs, in good, dependable leathers. **98c** While they last, the pair **98c**

Girls' Coats At \$4.95

Basement—Smart, new Winter Coats for girls 6 to 14 years of age. Attractive models of manish mixture. Chincherillas and tweeds, Some wool lined. Coats worth to \$12.50. On special sale at **\$4.95**

Girls' Rain Capes At \$1.09

Basement—Children's Rubberized Rain Capes, fitted with storm hood. Shown in neat stripe patterns. Just the garment for school wear. Ages 6 to 14. Priced very **\$1.09** special at, each **\$1.09**

98c Handbags At 55c

Basement—320 beautiful new Leather Handbags for women, underpriced for Wednesday's selling. Several attractive styles and shapes. Standard 98c qualities on sale in the **55c** Basement today at **55c**

25c Ribbons At 19c

Basement—All Silk Taffeta Ribbons in good assortment of the wanted plain shades. 5-inch width, suitable for various purposes. A standard 25c quality. On special sale today, **19c** at bargain price, yard

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Women's \$1.25 Union Suits 79c Complete Line of Sizes

Basement—Women's Winter-weight Union Suits in high-neck, long-sleeve and ankle-length styles, with soft, warm fleece lining. Complete range of sizes and perfect-fitting garments. Standard \$1.25 Union Suits. Special **79c**

65c Vests and Pants at 25c

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Girls' Union Suits 48c

Basement—Girls' Union Suits in fine close-ribbed, fleeced and perfect fitting. Medium weight. In sizes for girls 6 to 14 years of age. Priced very **48c** the suit, for

Women's Knitted Corset Covers, correctly shaped. Standard 25c grades 19c

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Children's Ribbed School Hose 9c Pair

Children's Kerchiefs, Box of 3 for 9c

Basement—Children's Ribbed Cotton Hose in medium weight, with seamless feet, double heels and toes. Fast colors. Black or tan. Sizes 5½ to 10. On special sale at only, the pair **9c**

Basement Sale Aluminum Kitchen Utensils

Lipped Kettle, Lipped Sauce Pan, Covered Sauce Pan, Tea Kettle

\$2.25 Tea Kettles, 4-qt. size, \$1.59
\$2.50 Tea Kettles, 5-qt. size, \$1.88
\$2.75 Tea Kettles, 6-qt. size, \$2.17
30c Covered Kettles, 2-qt., 67c
\$1.10 Covered Kettles, 3-qt., 82c
\$1.75 Covered Kettles, 4-qt., 97c
\$1.40 Covered Kettles, 5-qt., \$1.10
60c Lipped Kettles, 3 quarts, 42c
75c Lipped Kettles, 4 quarts, 59c
90c Lipped Kettles, 5 quarts, 70c
\$1.10 Lipped Kettles, 7-qt., 85c
60c Cov. Sauce Pans, 1½ qts., 39c
60c Cov. Sauce Pans, 2 qts., 42c
75c Cov. Sauce Pans, 3 qts., 59c

Basement Underprice Store

\$2.75 Sweaters \$1.48—Men's extra heavy Shaker-Knit Wool Sweaters in ruffneck style, finished with pocket and large pearl buttons. Full standard sizes—36 to 44. Sweaters such as these priced at other stores \$2.50 and \$2.75. **\$1.48** Basement price

Men's Cashmere Hose 19c

Black, Oxford and natural. Medium weight, seamless **19c** 25c Hose, Pair

Men's Flannel Shirts 98c

Colors navy, gray and brown. Full, roomy styles. Sizes **98c** 14½ to 17. Special at **98c**

Men's Union Suits 69c—Regular \$1 quality. Winter weight, in fine close ribbed. All 69c

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Boys' \$1 Shirts 25c—Sample line in percales and madras. Sizes up to 14. Shirts in 25c

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Double S. & H. Trading Stamps given with all cash purchases.

Men's Pigskin Gantlet **49c** Gloves, Wednesday at **49c**

Boys' 75c Winter-Weight Union Suits, ages 6 to 14, special, **48c**

Special Sale of Notions and Small Wares Bargain Circle On Main Floor

Clark's or Coats' Spool Cotton—Black, White—All Sizes—Special, 51c Dozen

Large spool Corticelli Sewing Silk, in black, white and colors. Regular 50c size. Special, the spool, **35c**

10c Cube Pins, in assorted colors, on special sale now at only **5c**

15c Dressmakers' Pins, put up in one-fourth pound boxes, at **10c**

25c Floor Protectors now at **15c**

10c Skirt Markers on sale at **5c**

65c Combination Folding Coat and Pants Hangers now on sale **25c**

15c Sanitary Belts now at **10c**

25c Hair Curlers on sale at **18c**

5c Hair Wavers on sale at **2½c**

10c Folding Drinking Cups at **7c**

Regular 10c Trouser Hangers **5c**

Regular 5c Removable Collar Supports on sale now at only **2½c**

\$16.50 and \$20 Hall & Borchert Dress Forms—Perfect—Special, **\$13**

15c Women's Supporters at **10c**

10c Wire Coat Hangers now **7c**

5c Wire or Wood Hangers at **3c**

\$2 Bust Forms, special at **\$1.69**

5c Basting Cotton, the spool, **4c**

10c Spool Silk, assorted, at **5c**

Demonstration Sale of "OMO" Dress Shields

Notion Department, Main Floor—Miss Morrison, of the OMO factory, will be here for a short time, demonstrating the superior merits of these popular Shields. For Wednesday only we quote the following prices:

20c No. 2 Nainsook Shields on special sale at only **13c**

25c No. 3 Nainsook Shields on special sale at only **15c**

30c No. 4 Nainsook Shields on special sale at only **18c**

30c Coat Shields, assorted colors, on sale now at **20c**

50c Sanitary Belts at **39c**—25c Sanitary Belts, Special at **19c**

5c Safety Pins, in assorted sizes, white only, on sale now at **2½c**

25c Machine Oil, large size, **15c**

15c Stocking Protectors now **10c**

10c Shoe Trees on sale now at **8c**

Regular 10c Curling Irons now **7c**

Pin Cushion and Pin Holders combined on sale now at only **25c**

35c Scissors, assorted sizes, **18c**

Pearl Buttons, fresh or salt water. Sizes 14 to 24. Regular price, 10c the dozen. Special, the dozen, **5c**

Hair Nets, with or without elastic. All colors. Special, five for **10c**

25c Skirt Markers on sale at **19c**

10c Featherbone, special, yd., **8c**

\$4.00 Dressmakers' Dress Forms and Stands, both for only **\$2.75**