Lair H. Thompson Defends Law Governor Assails.

ATTACK IS CALLED FALSE

Author of Reclamation Bill Which Was Passed Over Veto Declares Executive Deliberately Mis-

represents Act.

Editor.)—My attention has been di-rected to numerous statements attributed to Governor West, in which a cer tain reclamation bill, introduced in the Oregon Legislature by me, has been referred to by the Governor with mani-fest intention of creating the impression that the bill would work injury

The bill was introduced in the House of Representatives of the Oregon Legislature at the 1911 session; was vetoed by the Governor after he had given his unqualified approval to the bill before its introduction, and came up at the 1913 session of the Legisla-ture for passage over the Governor's

It was then that Governor West be-gan his bitter and unjustifiable attack gan his bitter and unjustifiable attack upon the bill and its author, and the press attributed to the Governor assertions which he, perhaps more than anyone else, knew to be absolutely and unqualifiedly false. At that time I attributed such statements to the Governor's usual lack of dignity, judgment and mental balance, spurred by the desire to have his vetoes sustained whether right or wrong, and made no answer.

Text of Bill Not Told. Now, however, I am advised that the Governor is repeating his attacks in public utterances. Never have I heard of the Governor's reading to his audience the text of the legislative bill ne assails. He has contented himself with calling me names and applying to the bill such terms as would indicate that the bill is evil in the ex-

cate that the bill is evil in the extreme.

At this time, after action on the legislation complained of is complete, such statements come with poor grace from the man who first passed upon and encouraged the introduction of that bill, and are a deliberate misrepresentation of the facts. Instead of being an attack upon the school fund, as the Governor would have the people believe, the bill provided for adding new money to the common school fund of Oregon, and was the only bill in recent years to add new wealth to the state of Oregon, and place upon the tax rolls property which today yields not a cent of revenue.

have great confidence in the deliberate judgment of the people. Therefore I desire to have published the full text of the bill, which the Governor criticises that the people may judge whether the criticism is merited.

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Board. Said application for a contract shall contain an estimate of the cost of the contract of the proposed system of drainage and the bill introduced in the House. Section 2 Upon the receipt of the application, map, plan of drainage and reclamation, as provided in section 2 of this act the state Land Board shall, if it deem such plan feasible and such applicant responsible, enter into a contract with the said person, company of persons, association or incorporated company applying therefor, for the construction of the drainage and reclamation. (See Senate Journal submitted with said application or incorporated company applying therefor, for incorporated company applying the same shall undertake and serve to drain said lake, marsh or swamp substantially in according to the land sof the irrigation committee in the said contract and making of said proced.

It may be worth while to say here that while this bill was in the hands of the irrigation committee in the chairman of that committee in the approached the author of the bill and asked him if he thought it would be wise to insert a provision that the land must be sold in small tracts to act of the contract and making of said proced.

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when the September sales record of the old Reliable Is such mat thereof as it shown to be drained and reclaimed, to the person, company of reclaiming the same, All of each deeds shall be in form of quit claim, and shall operate to convey only such title as the state may have or appear to have in the state may have or appear to have in the state may have or appear to have in the state may have or appear to have in the state may have or appear to have in the state may have or appear to have in the state may have or appear to have in the state may have or appear to have in the state may have or appear to have in the state may have or appear to have in the state may have or appear to have in the state may have or appear to have in the state may have or appear to have in the state may have or appear to have in the state or the construction of drainage and reclaimed to the State Land good to the State Land good to the state of the construction of drainage and reclaimed to the state the specifications of the contract with the specifications of the contract of such failure, and it after a period of 5d days from the sending of such notice they such title to the head of this state Land good to the state to the contract with the state for the contract with the state for the contract with the state for the contract of such failure, and it after a period of 5d days from the sending of such notice they are the state that the specification in the county in which the work is construction in the county in which the work is construction in the county in which the work is constructed there under, shall be at once and thereby forfeited and the same newapaper of general circuits in the county in which the work is compared to the state of the state of the work is constructed there under, shall be at once and thereby forfeited and the same newapaper of general circuits in the county in which the work is considered with the specification in the county in which the work is compared to the state of the state of the work is compared to t

Court of the district wherein the head-works of the said drainings system is situated.

Section 6. The title of owners of land ripurian to lakes and ponds which shall be drained under the provisions of this act is hereby declared to extend to only so much of the bottom or bed of such lake or pond which may be reciained by said drainings as is required to fill up the fractional subdivision or subdivisions of a section which he owns and which are rendered fractional by such lake or pond, and the title of said owner shall be so limited when the waters of said lake or pond receding because of such drainage, under the bed thereof; provided, this section shall not affect the right of riparian owners to land acquired by natural accretion of reliction because of the gradual and natural recession of the waters of the lake or pond to which the lands of such owners are riparian.

Section 7. All money received by the State Land Board under the provisions of this act shall be paid immediately to the State Treasurer and placed by him in the common school fund of Oregon.

High Country Benefited.

House Bill 186 was conceived by its

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the bill then said he did not believe this would be advisable, because of conditions existing where most of the reclamation would necessarily be done, and the author of the bill still adheres and the author of the bill adheres to this opinion. The bill came up in the Senate, and was passed with 26 affirmative votes, one negative vote, and three members absent. (See Senate Journal, 1911, page \$51.) And it is worthy of note that Senator McColloch was one of those voting affirmatively upon the measure.

More Pianos Sold During September Than in Any September Heretofore at Killer

A Pleasant Surprise Made Possible Now for Less Than Half the Regular Price and Half the Amounts of Monthly Payments

Prosperity Is Here Now and This Proves It

submitted to the head of this house it was realized that it exceeded by far any September since the house was established. We thought this was the greatest record that we could possibly look forward to, but the way selling continues October is going to be far ahead of September and greater in number of sales than any October record ever experienced since the estab-

Two Great Sales in One

The Greatest Distribution of Fine Pianos Ever Undertaken in the West. Manufacturers' Emergency and Surplus Sale at Eilers Music House, Combined With the Residue of the Costly Styles of Pianos From the

Just think for a moment what all this means. Piano manufacturing cannot stop all of a sudden. Pianos in course of construction must be finished Thus many piano manufacturers accumulated surplus stocks. We took advantage of this situation by making arrangements whereby for each two pianos sold by the factory representatives, now here, we agree to buy three

Thus the great little price sale for fine pianos was started. Then came th unfortunate failure of Soule Bros. By order of the court this stock was sold to C. E. Lucore, who started a closing-out sale. This sale ran for several weeks; many of the less expensive instruments were sold, but the better ones did not find buyers readily, because cautious people would not take chances on expensive musical instruments unless they knew that some re

Thus another great business opportunity came along. The residue of the costly pianos from the Soule Bros. failure came to Eilers Music House Hence this double event; making possible the furnishing of more intrinsi genuine piano worth for the money than ever heretofore and than ever will

But this sale cannot last long. There are no duplicates. Immediate

All difficulties have been surmounted. Eilers Music House, the Nation's foremost institution, guarantees quality and guarantees positive satisfaction Every pianoless home may now participate. It is not a case of having to pay all cash. Payments are arranged to suit any reasonable purchaser. much as forty months' time can be had to complete the purchase.

Remember, the best upright pianos, the best metal tubed human-touc player pianos, the finest baby grands, including the wonderful player piano de luxe and the Chickering are included in this sale. In fact, nowhere in the wide world can so many highest grade and truly valuable instruments

Weber-Pianola, Steck, Steck-Pianola



Oregon City Man Taken in Charge. Martin Hanson, of Oregon City, was arrested by Detectives Abbott and Goliz yesterday and turned over to the United States officials for investigaion. A large quantity of printed mat-er which was addressed to President Wilson was found among Hanson's ef-ects. One of these is an application tively upon the measure.

The Governor vetoed this bill, his position at not less than \$250 a day with not more than eight hours' daily I return herewith House Bill No. 186 with-



Violet Elizabeth Deaver, the Mrs. R. L. Deaver, is one of the

John Taylor, of Lindsay, Cal., ie at E. Howell, of Eugene, is at the N. W. Bethel, of The Dalles, is at the Nortonia. Washington. N. McLane, of Vancouver, B. C., is

at the Oregon Professor Dryden, of Corvallis, is at the Seward V. J. Clausen, of San Francisco, is at the Nortonia. Dan G. Malarkey, of Warrenton, is

are at the Carlton. Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Cole, of Molaila, are at the Cornelius. G. R. Bailey, of Toronto, Canada, is at the Washington. · James Greggs, a merchant of Tacoma, is at the Multnomah.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Allen, of Seattle,

L. Mawley, State Senator at Mc-Coy, is at the Imperial. W. H. Wilson, an attorney of The Dalles, is at the Perkins. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Connors, of Seat-tle, are at the Multnomah.

Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of the Ore-

The manufacturers make the low prices now under the agreement that the House of

Eilers purchases three surplus pianos every time their representatives here sell two.

Free Music Rolls with all player pianos, including the beautiful Player Piano de Luxe,

Chickering, Hazelton, Sohmer,

Knabe, Hallet & Davis, Kimball,

Kranich & Bach, Steinway, Weber,

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Blair, of San rancisco, are at the Nortonia. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon A. Smith, of Mrs. T. J. Prebble and daughter, of Charles J. Schuman, of Astoria, has taken up quarters at the Perkins C. A. Patterson, of Minneapolis, iumberman, is at the Washington. James H. Swearingen, an insurance man of Berkeley, is at the Seward.

H. L. Bowlby, State Highway Commissioner, of Salem, is at the Benson. J. A. Churchill. State School Super-Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Reynolds and daughter, of Berkeley, are at the Per Miss E. Case and Miss Mildred

PRINCE OF ENTERTAINERS AND ENTERTAINER



Announcement is made by the

of Entertainers and Entertainer of Princes," lecturer, writer, raconteur, traveler, philosopher and entertainer extraordinary shortly will appear at the local Empress in his remarkable series of mono-logues and unusual entertain-ment. Wilder stands alone as an entertainer in vaudeville and the thousands who have seen him are certain to visit the Empress during his engagement here. The exact day for his appearance at the local playhouse has not yet been set. It will be announced shortly.

Richmond and Victor Williams, of Dallas, are at the Perkins. Curtis B. Coe, Prohibition candidate for Congress from the First District, is in Portland visiting his sister, Mrs. A. R. Gray. Mr. Coe has just completed a thorough canvass of his district and reorts the Prohibition sentiment to be

C. A. Baldwin, a prominent civil enc. A. Baldwin, a prominent civil en-gineer, of Southern California, whose home is in Yucaipa, has returned, after a short but pleasant visit with friends here. After an absence of seven years, he was greatly impressed with the many improvements in this city. CHICAGO: Oct. 17 - (Special.) - The

Chicago hotels:
Portland—Congress, J. H. Vogt. E. W.
Corbett, C. E. Adams; Great Northern,
C. B. Stetson; La Salle, G. W. Lancaster, Ruth R. Lee.
Union—Majestic, Elmer N. Jacobs.

Albany Students Organized.

ALBANY, Or., Oct. 17.—(Special.)— All of the classes and departments have been fully organized at the Albany High School and each division is now ready for an active year. Merie Briggs is president of the student body; Walter Bass, vice-president; Mary Parker, sec-retary, and Elton Gildow, treasurer, Class presidents are: Kenneth Stevens, class presidents are: Remarks stevens, seniors: Frances Beal, Juniors; Clinton Archibald, sophomores, and Marlon Boetticher, freshmen. Officers of the staff of the "Whirlwind," the high school paper are: Henry Fish, editorin-chief; Merrill Ohligh, associate editor. Public Coins, business manager. tor: Phyllis Goins, business manager; Neilte Snyder, subscription manager; David Wieder, athletics editor; Carrie Wright, society editor, and Robert Bost-ticher, wit and humor editor, Chass editors are: Mae Ballack, seniors; Clay Cornett, juniors; Fred Aldrich, sopho-mores, and Estella Price, freshmen.

The board and president of the Port-The board and president of the Port-iand Parent-Teachers' Council will meet Tuesday afternoon in room A, of the Central Library. The meeting is to complete arrangements for the Parent-Teachers' day at the Manufac-turers' and Land Products Show. The board has requested all members to at-tend the meeting.

Station Ordered Established.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 17 .- (Special.)-The State Rallroad Commission today or-dered the Oregon Electric Railmad to establish a flag station between Sidney and Talbot. It is provided that two trains shall be stopped, if flagged, in each direction daily at the station.

\$200 Balm for Policeman's Blow. Jack Orchard, who sued W. B. Stram, a Portland policeman, for \$5000 for alleged injuries received when Orchard was struck ever the head with a policeman's club while being arrested, received \$200 damages by a jury in Judge McGinn's court resterday.