

CHAMBERLAIN SCORES ROADS

Irrigation Congress President Attacks Oregon Land Monopolists With Vigor.

RAILROAD KING GETS HIS

Asks Irrigationists to Aid in Breaking Southern Pacific's Hold On Oregon.

(Oregon Journal.)

"How unfortunate for our country that greater care was not used in the disposition of the public domain in the past! I do not believe in confiscation. I am not a believer in lawlessness. But it seems to me that in view of the revelations of the past few years as to the methods which have been used to acquire vast holdings of the most valuable of the public lands by corporations and individuals, some vigorous and effective method ought to be devised to restore the wealth of mine, forest, field and farm and the waters on and under the earth to the people who have been raped by them by corrupt land pirates, individual and corporate.

"By crooked manipulation of the stone and timber act, the homestead and other acts intended for the benefit of the actual settler and the homemaker, through the rascalities perpetrated in and out of congress in the name of indemnity selection laws, individuals and corporations have acquired millions of the best timber and farm lands in all of these western states. Nor must it be forgotten that railroad and other corporations have acquired, in addition to the lands obtained through the instrumentality of acts referred to, millions of acres to aid in construction of alleged railroads and military wagon roads.

Lands Bottled Up.

ties have been active in prosecuting lands so acquired are withheld from sale, some times in violation of the express terms of the grants, and always to the retardation of industrial, commercial and agricultural development of the states. Why would it not be within the scope of the duties of this splendid body of representative citizens to call the attention of the people to these conditions, and if possible to suggest some means for their correction?

"It is true that the federal authorities who have been guilty of violations of the land laws, and still engaged in this commendable work. These prosecutions should be vigorously followed by suits to cancel entries fraudulently made and patents fraudulently obtained under any and all of the acts which were intended to provide homes for the actual settler.

"Most of the grants of large bodies of land, in aid of railroads and wagon roads, contained conditions precedent to the vesting of title, and it is an open secret that in many cases these conditions were never strictly complied with. It may be too late to set on foot investigation now which will protect the public as to all of these grants, because patents have already issued and title has passed to innocent purchasers.

Refers to Railroad Grant.

"But it is not too late in those cases where patents have not issued, or if issued, the lands are still held by the original patentee, and the federal government would do well to set on foot such investigations as will develop the facts, and where there has not been a strict and literal compliance with the terms of the grant the lands should be restored to the public domain by suit or otherwise.

"There are yet other cases where, under the terms of the grant the lands were to be sold to applicants who are actual settlers at not to exceed a fixed price per acre. In these there are instances where the conditions of the grant have been wholly ignored in that the lands have been sold to persons who were not actual settlers and for prices in excess of those fixed by the terms of the grant. And besides there are cases where these corporations have refused and still refuse to sell to actual settlers or to sell at all, but are holding the lands for the purpose of speculation, thus retarding the growth and development of the state. Much of the land so held is within irrigable districts.

"This congress ought not only to call attention to the matter and suggest a remedy for existing conditions, but should handle it without gloves in discussion and in resolution.

Three Effective Remedies.

"I have given this matter some consideration, and there are several

ways to attempt to reach the evils through appropriate remedial legislation.

"First—In cases where, by the terms of the grant, the corporation is compelled to sell to applicants who are actual settlers, the machinery of the federal courts should be set in motion to compel sales to be made at suit of a would-be purchaser. If additional legislation is necessary, let congress be appealed to to enact it. One thing is certain, and that is the government must take the initiative and bear the brunt of the litigation, because no single individual who makes application in good faith to purchase can litigate with the corporation.

"Second—In cases where the grant does not in express terms compel a sale, congress might pass an act providing for condemnation and payment to the corporation of a just compensation. What higher and better use could be made of the exercise of the right of eminent domain than to exercise it in favor of the people themselves?

"Corporations Same As Individuals. "Third—Corporations, whether organized for building railroads or wagon roads, or any other purpose where the buying and selling of lands is not the primary object of their creation, ought not to be permitted to hold land other than is absolutely essential for immediate use.

"But it is answered that no law could be passed which would or could have a retroactive effect, and that any law now passed could only be operative as to companies to be organized in future. Conceding that this is true, there is yet a way to reach the subject as to those corporations which hold the title to millions of acres of land in the various states which they refuse to sell and are holding for speculative purposes.

"It has been the policy of the government ever since the enactment of the homestead law to fix 160 acres as the unit of ownership for the settler. I do not think the fixing of this unit was arbitrary or the result of chance. It was doubtless considered that that amount of land was sufficient for the needs of any individual for the support of himself and family.

If the unit is a reasonable one, why not make it of general application? And if an individual or corporation holds more let him or it be taxed by a graduated system of taxation for the privilege enjoyed—the tax increasing gradually from 160 acres up to say 1,000 acres and more rapidly and in an ascending scale for all lands held in excess of the latter amount, or the principle of a graduated inheritance tax.

Spirit of Unrest.

Or in the case of a corporation organized for railroad building, a license fee might be charged for the privilege of holding lands on the same ascending scale. Such policy, it seems to me, would make it unprofitable to long hold large bodies of land from sale for speculative purposes.

"Unless some such policy as is here outlined is adopted in the near future we are sure to have a system of landlordism in this country that will result in unrest and discontent, if not in revolution.

These matters are legitimate subjects of congressional and state legislation, and the doctrines because new may seem revolutionary, but the time is not far distant when they in some shape or another will be persistently and forcibly brought to the attention of the American people."

TAYLOR PIANO HOUSE IN PERMANENT QUARTERS

The opening of the Taylor Piano House is another proof of "where there's a will there's a way." Mr. Taylor landed on the Bay about two months ago and had hard time to find even a place to house his little family. Since which time he has had two buildings constructed for his use—one a warehouse and the other for his piano house and living rooms above.

Mr. Deubner built the latter for Mr. Taylor and it is the most complete thing of the kind in the country. In the rear of the large display room and raised from the floor about seven feet is a special room for talking machines and records. It is so constructed that the talking machines and pianos may be going at the same time, and neither interferes with the other.

Underneath the Talking machine room is a finely furnished room for the display of the better grades of pianos.

Read his advertisement in another column, he may have something to say that will both interest and instruct you.

—J. W. Riggs will close his studio for several days beginning Saturday, Sept. 7th, for the purpose of renovating and refitting with new backgrounds and other accessories. For announcement of re-opening watch these columns, J. W. Riggs, Artist.

PROBABLY NO TARIFF CHANGE

Congressman Payne Will Not Admit There is Such Probability

IN LINE WITH STEEL MEN

Is Friend of Steel Trust—Known to Look With Disfavor on Revision.

Washington, Sept. 5.—Representative Payne, of New York, Republican floor leader in the House of Representatives, and chairman of the committee on ways and means, when in Washington recently, declared that three would be no tariff revision in the coming congress. The opinion of Mr. Payne on this point is worth a great deal, for as chairman of the ways and means committee, Payne can do more than any man in congress, except the Speaker, to prevent tariff revision. However, Payne does not intimate that revision must wait because of his personal objection, but rather because it has been decided by the party leaders to take no action until after the presidential election.

Not only does Payne look for no tariff legislation, but he believes there will be very little tariff agitation at the coming session. "In my opinion," said he, "there is a tacit agreement among the Republicans that it is unwise to agitate revision of the tariff on the eve of a presidential election. If there is to be any revision of tariff, a point on which I do not care to commit myself, it will be done after the election; certainly not before it.

"The whole question will be broadly determined by the Republican National Convention," continued Mr. Payne. "I have great confidence in the Republican Convention, and more in a Republican Congress, and I, for one, am willing to abide by the decision of the Republican party upon any question relating to tariff policies."

The amusing part of Mr. Payne's statement is his refusal to commit himself as to whether or not there is to be a revision of the tariff. Everybody knows that there will be no revision if Payne can prevent it. He is lined up with Dalzell, the high priest of Dingleyism, and ever watchful friend of that "infant industry," the Steel Trust. Payne would give his right hand to prevent a revision of the tariff, but he is awakening to the fact that sentiment in favor of revision is spreading to all parts of the country, and he must see that if Republicans, after the next election, do not revise the tariff, the time will come when the Republican party will be given control of the government, if for no other purpose than to see that the tariff is readjusted.

Payne is not going to declare that there will be revision, for he hopes there will not; neither will he declare that there will be no revision, for he fears that he and his friends will not be able to stem the tide if the new president calls an extra session in March, 1909. Payne's position is well known; his sympathies are understood, and he will fight revision as long as he can be victorious. When he sees his followers deserting him, Payne will turn into an advocate of revision, but will do his utmost to favor those interests that have been good to him; he will make the readjustment as slight as possible. That is Payne's policy.

BREAKWATER BROUGHT TWO HEAVY ENGINES

Two heavy engines were brought by the Breakwater for the logging industry of the Bay. One is a hoisting machine for the C. A. Smith company, and the other a loading engine for the Coos Bay Lumber and Coal company. The engines were Willamette make and bought through A. B. Daly.

BASHFUL HORSE NEARLY SPOILS HUNTING TRIP

For a time yesterday afternoon it looked as if the party of four, Ray Golden, Mr. Goodrum, George Belnes and Charles Jensen would not go on their hunting trip to the eastern part of the county. They had a horse ready to load on the Alert which they will use for packing. The horse seemed unacquainted with the ways of transportation and refused to be loaded. They spent half an hour trying to coax him onto the boat but finally bluffed him and by dint of prodding and hauling and pushing landed him on the steamer, and steamed away, happy, but nearly exhausted.

FORTUNE SPENT IN ELABORATE BANQUET

President of Mexican Oil Trust Will Entertain Ambassador Royally.

Los Angeles, Sept. 5.—In honor of Enrique C. Creel, Mexican Ambassador to the United States and governor-elect of Chihuahua, the richest banquet ever spread in the southwest will be tendered at the Alexandria hotel Friday night. It will be given by E. I. Doheny, president of the \$50,000,000 Mexican Petroleum company, a rival of the Standard Oil company in Mexico and the question of expense has been absolutely relegated.

The cost per plate in the aggregate will be \$250 and the covers will be laid for 40 guests. The wines are of the rarest vintage only and nothing costing less than \$10 a small bottle will be used. The decorations will be superb, being nothing less than a veritable sunken garden with musicians hidden in the embankments of leaves and a score of gelsha girls from Japan dancing behind a shower of electric lights. There will be a modern vaudeville interspersed with sketches from old Mexico.

KOOS SCORES GREAT VICTORY AT ASTORIA

Word came by two men who saw the contest, that the Koos had scored a great victory at Astoria. The narrators were not informed of what class the race was, except that it was a handicap, and the Koos started next to last in the race. These men said the boat built on Coos Bay showed a clean pair of heels, as the saying goes, to the whole lot of boats in the contest and came out an easy winner, after having been the course by reason of her crew not knowing the exact route. This is good news for the Holland boat building firm and they are accordingly elated. Besides this, it will give Coos Bay a reputation as the home of fast gasoline boats.

CAPTAIN MAGENN IS A WILLING BOOSTER

Captain Magenn, of the Breakwater should have a medal from the several Coos Bay real estate men. He is known to be a willing and enthusiastic booster for everything on the Bay. Secretary Lyon received a letter the other day from a Portland man who said Magenn was doing a great deal of good for this country, as he tells everybody who inquires of him that this is the country to seek out and settle in. The man who wrote the letter made a number of inquiries and expressed his intention of making this locality an early visit. His letter was answered, and the inquiries explained.

A MESSAGE TO YOU

"Hereditaments,"—that means to the U. B. C., just plain folks, either 21 years old, or 50 years young, dressed a little bit better than Adam. It also means that one must help one's self to an income; we think the dignity of our labor demands a piece of stove pipe and cuffs at least on one ankle, we are not "leery about the other. Such a worker will then feel as if he were a human being with a crown of honor and dignity upon his head, instead of being a common tool of greed and a living fool of need. No people living under sinful conditions can expect to be happy. Hotel; did you say? We have real estate—along a little river five miles wide with a government and bank back of us. Our "Johnny on the spot" 727 Hayes street, San Francisco, is building a hotel with cottage annex, lawns, shrubbery and flowers, a model for the world. No hot air about that, the climate is ideal, and in the end natural law must prevail.—Askum.

WILL ERECT BUILDING FOR FURNITURE STORE

M. P. Gulovson has purchased of his brother G. R. Gulovson, his interest in the lot at the corner of Broadway and C streets, 50 x 100 feet and will soon commence the erection of a two story building on the site. The first floor will be occupied by the Gulovson Brothers' furniture business. The building will be of frame construction.

—Gasene removes stains or grease from garments, carpets, linoleum, paint, woodwork, crockery, tiling, enamelware, pots and pans.

—Dr. J. G. Goble, the well known optician, of Medford, Ore., will visit all Coos Bay towns during Sept. For dates see this paper later.

The New Piano House Is Now Open for Business

Taylor's Piano House is now ready for business. Although we have been delayed in getting our Talking Machine stock, we have a fine selection of pianos and organs, which we will offer to the people of Coos Bay for the next 10 days at prices never before quoted on strictly high-grade goods.

To start the ball rolling and to show you what we can do in furnishing your home with a strictly high-grade piano, we will offer the following prices for 10 days only.

One Bailey Piano in beautiful Mission Oak, regular price \$350, now \$285.00.

Two beautiful burl Walnut Clarendon pianos, regular price \$375, now \$290.00.

One Hobert M. Cable in quarter sawed oak, guaranteed for ten years, regular price \$450, now \$365.00.

One Weber piano in a beautiful walnut case, slightly damaged in shipment, regular price \$600, now \$540.00.

Other good makes running from \$250 up.

All of these pianos can be secured on easy payments.

If you are thinking of buying a piano within one year, it will pay you to take advantage of this opportunity and buy now. We will be open every evening, and will be glad to have you visit our new store and examine our goods.

We carry a full line of Victor and Columbia Talking Machines. Come and hear our new records.

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