

### WOOD TALKS OF LAND POLICY

Criticless National Administration and Declares Entire System is Wrong.

EVIL NATURALLY FOLLOWS DECLARES THE SPEAKER

Says Timber and Stone Acts Are Profic Source for Fraud—Compares Land Policy to Old Feudal System.

In a speech before People's forum Sunday night C. E. Wood severely criticized the national administration for its public land policy. The system itself is wrong, he said, and evil has naturally followed. The address has caused a great deal of discussion, and is therefore deemed worthy of reproduction in substance.

He said that the system of land ownership, by which one holding a deed for land can hold it, bequeath it to his heirs, forever, vacant and uncultivated, against all comers, has its origin in the absurd theory of the feudal system, that the king was the owner of all the land, and in exchange for his services, or some other compensation, he gave vast tracts of the country to his vassals, dukes and barons, and they, in turn, for services, or other compensation, subdivided these lands to their vassals and tenants, so that the title to land, instead of depending upon possession and use, as does the title to every other species of property, depended merely on a strip of parchment, signed by the over lord, who was supposed to have the right to give the land to whomsoever he pleased.

Similar System in Use. "When the United States set up for a sovereign nation on its own account," he said, "it arrogated to itself the ownership of all the public domain, just as kings had owned it, and instead of a king signing strips of parchment, giving away land, it was now congress and a president who did it. This did not seem so offensive, because congress and the president were supposed to be merely the agents of the wisest people, but her another falsity crept into the system, for not only is it a falsity to allow even the whole people to give away land to be held vacant and uncultivated, but, in fact, congress never has represented the whole people.

Congress, like every other depository of power since the beginning of history, has represented those few who, out of their superior ability or superior greed, have been interested to make use of that power. In the early days, when we had much land that was free and open, and were really an agricultural and thinly scattered people, the exercise of the power with which congress was clothed was not so apparent, but as population and wealth increased, making the exploitation of the people and those lands and franchises rendered valuable by reason of masses of population, then the evil of the power became clearer, and congress became more visibly what in fact it has always been, and what all power has always been, the predatory tool for a few against the rights of the many.

So, as any historical reasoner could have foretold, we have had grants to miles wide clear across the continent, given to railroads, and other lesser grants to wagon roads, and railroads are authorized to exchange their worthless lands inside the forest reserve for good lands, and swamp lands, really the most valuable tracts in the arid eastern Oregon, are granted ostensibly to the state, but this is a mere cover, for the state hands these lands over to the grafters.

Against Interests of People. "Now, the people as a whole, had no interest in having these laws passed; in fact, it was against the interest of the whole people; but the special predatory people did have an interest, and while the people slept they used the power of congress as their instrument for wholesale robbery of the most vital element of any people's wealth—the land. This could not have happened, no matter how corrupt congress may have been, just as it could not have happened no matter how reckless and corrupt a king might have been, if it were not for the theory that congress had a right to give away the uncultivated lands, to whomsoever it chose. If every man's title depended upon his use and possession of land, and not possession for five years or six years, but his title expiring when he abandoned possession, it would be impossible for anyone to graft through congress, because congress would not have the power. This very form of title prevails in the law today as to water. No man gets any greater amount of water by his appropriation than he actually puts to a beneficial use, and when he abandons the use of it, his title is gone.

The timber and stone acts, which

### TESTS PATIENCE

The Most Patient Portland Citizen Must Show Annoyance at Times

Nothing spoils a good disposition, Nothing taxes a man's patience, Like any itchiness of the skin. Itching Piles almost drive you crazy, All day it makes you miserable. All night it keeps you awake. Itch! Itch! Itch! with no relief. Keep the skin cool with Deano's Ointment. Can hardly keep from scratching it. You would do so, but you know it makes it worse. Such miseries are daily decreasing. People are learning they can be cured. Learning the merit of Deano's Ointment. Plenty of proof that Deano's Ointment will cure Piles, Eczema or any Itchiness of the skin.

Read the testimony of a Portland citizen. Mrs. B. Stanley of 1148 Ivon street, Portland, Oregon, says: "Deano's Ointment is a splendid remedy for all itching skin troubles. I was annoyed some years ago with salt rheum or tetter on my hands. The skin was sore and tender and itched terribly at times. Different home remedies failed to have any effect on it and I was wondering what might be had to do when Deano's Ointment was brought to my notice. I got a box and found it relieved quick relief from the itching. On continuing the treatment I was completely cured and the skin was left perfectly natural, just as if there had been no trouble of the kind. I am glad to recommend so reliable a preparation as Deano's Ointment.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Postpaid, 60 cents. Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—DOAN'S—and take no other. There have been such a prolific source of fraud, further exemplify this absurdity of title by gift. In effect, they provide that every citizen of the United States may take up 160 acres of land, valueless, in the timber belt, on its face, seems to be an equal right to all men and women citizens of the United States, but it has the same falsity at its bottom, and there is no power which rightfully can treat the uncultivated lands as a great cake and carve it and hand out a slice to each man and woman, regardless of the fact whether he or she will make use of it or not. Had actual use of the land and the timber been an element of title, grafting in timber would have been impossible, but as it was, people were imported from the east by bonded lots to file their claims on our Oregon timber lands, with the absolute certainty that these men and women had no use for the land and intended to make no use of it whatever, except to sell it to the timber monopolist.

Mr. Wood expressed a certain amount of sympathy with some of the land grabbers in this way: He said the government had deliberately encouraged them into fraud. "In the first place it had offered these tempting speculative claims to anyone who would take them," he said, "and the supreme court of the United States had decided, and it had become a rule of the interior department, that a person could borrow the money to pay out on the claim, pledge the use of the claim as security for the money and after the final certificate was secured could sell the claim to the lender of the money for the amount of the loan. The only thing he could not do was to promise in advance to make this sale. So flimsy a distinction as this simply invited fraud. Very few human lives could resist the subtle evasion that they were not promising to sell land when, in fact, they were, and to this evasion for years officers of the land office, eager for fees, had let their countenance, telling people it was a mere technicality, so that it had been a customary and unwritten law that the prohibition against a sale in advance of final certificate was a dead letter, and, indeed, it was too flimsy a distinction for any mind really to grasp, for if a man is allowed to borrow the money and eventually to deliver the land in exchange for that money, there really is no reason why he shouldn't promise to do so in advance. The whole train of grafting evils and frauds really comes from the false idea that uncultivated soil is in the gift of anyone to give away to anyone by mere paper deed."

Remedy is Suggested. Mr. Wood then said the remedy was either to make actual possession and use the element of title and the abandonment of possession and use a forfeiture of title, which was the anarchistic doctrine, and the one he favored. The other remedy was by the single tax method, which put no tax whatever on improvements, but taxed uncultivated land at its full rental value, so that the person who did not use and improve land, could not afford to hold it against this tax. He called attention, also, to the fact that under the influence of our enthusiasm for President Roosevelt and our confidence in him, and our excitement over the question of reclamation of our arid lands, we were falling into an error which history had made clear and which had become a settled principle of politics; namely: that a strong centralized government, administered by bureaus, eventually meant an over-riding of the will of distant localities, a neglect of the interests of the people, and a control of the bureau by shrewd plutocratic power, under the same principle already given, that where power exists it will eventually be used by those who will make the most out of it. Therefore, he predicted that in the final outcome of the matter the bureau now being established to regulate the cutting of timber and the use of the grazing lands in the public domain would eventually fall into the hands of wealthy monopolists who, through these bureaus, would gain a special privilege as to everything controlled by the bureaus.

ALBANY'S CHINATOWN TO BE DEMOLISHED (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Albany, Or., Nov. 6.—Albany's Chinatown is to be sold. Charles Pfeiffer, administrator of the state of Harper Cranor, deceased, will sell the property at public sale. The passing of Chinatown marks an event in the history of the city. This was the center of attraction for the almond-eyed celestial—and here many of their strange and peculiar customs and religious ceremonies were observed. Scarcely half a dozen remain of what was once a large Chinese colony. With it will go all that remains of a very interesting period in Albany's history, the last relic of the boom days. CITY OFFICIALS ARE ELECTED AT GERVAIS (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Gervais, Or., Nov. 6.—The city election held here yesterday a tight vote was cast. Five councilmen, a recorder, treasurer and marshal being elected. Councilmen elected were Ed Dupuis, F. A. Mansfield, G. A. Mickel, August Nibler and G. T. Molsan. P. H. Fitzgerald was chosen recorder without opposition. Joseph Nathman defeated John Weiss for treasurer and H. L. Koester was elected city marshal over R. N. Blanch and Victor Cambria.

The "Different Store" Fifth, Sixth and Washington Streets

## Olds-Wortman-King Store News

Store Opens at 8:00 A. M. and Closes at 6:00 P. M.

THIS STORE HAS MADE THE WORD "BARGAIN" RESPECTABLE WEDNESDAY—A DAY OF UNUSUAL INTEREST IN EVERY DEPARTMENT

### Necessity Ours! Opportunity Yours! Phenomenal Values in a "Diagram Sale" of

# Women's Shoes Values to \$4.00 for \$1.98



### A Unique and Original Method of Satisfying Absolutely Everyone Coming to the Sale! LOOK FOR YOUR SIZE IN THE DIAGRAM BELOW

One of the hardest things the careful, honest store has to do is to satisfy every one who comes to share in the special values of a "Sale"—and to disappoint no one. "Almost impossible," says the average merchant. "Absolutely useless to attempt such a thing in a Shoe Sale," comes in a chorus from men who conduct shoe stores. But our shoe man's a genius! He's solved the problem—"turned the trick" by the most novel and original idea we ever heard of. Whoever comes to tomorrow's sale of shoes will go away fitted, pleased, satisfied and singing our praises if only they'll take the trouble to look closely at the accompanying diagram which tells the story of the sizes. In buying shoes for such a great stock of shoes as ours it is quite important to bear in mind the great army of folk who wear shoes below the average in size—and 'tis a hard thing to do: Invariably the best buyers will become overstocked with small sizes. Exactly what has happened to us. We might advertise in the ordinary way, that "we've so many pairs of shoes—values to \$4—for \$1.98," and an army of people would come trooping to the store in response, half or more would be disappointed. So we show you on the diagram exactly what to expect. Each dot represents a pair of shoes. At the left of the diagram you'll note the widths, across the top is the range of sizes. Find your width, then trace to the right for your sizes—and we've as many pairs in your size as you'll find dots in the space your finger rests on. Then we've added TWO FULL LINES, so that a person wearing an average size may be fitted, too—if they get in early! Embraced in the sale is every popular, stylish last and make in Women's Shoes. Patent welt and turn soles, all heights of heel, Blucher or regular cut, in lace styles, dull or bright tops, all splendid shoes, none worth less than \$2.50, others sell up to \$4, for

### Find Your Size on This Diagram! Count the Dots—As Many Kinds of Shoes to Fit You in the Sale as There Are Dots Under Your Size

	2	2½	3	3½	4	4½	5	5½	6	6½	7	7½	8	
<b>Values to \$4.00 for \$1.98</b>														<b>Values to \$4.00 for \$1.98</b>
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Take time to be properly fitted. A plenty of courteous, attentive and painstaking salesfolk and expert fitters on duty—at your service. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE we retain on sale a large number of high grade shoes—in fact you may choose from almost our entire stock of high class footwear—\$5 and \$6 Shoes, in men's or women's, for \$3.99. The \$5 values for \$3.19. Boys' and Girls' Shoes at Special Sale Prices.

### Thanksgiving Sales of Purse-Interest to Thrifty Housewives

TAKE ANY ELEVATOR TO THIRD FLOOR  
**Silverware—Rogers; Carving Sets, Cranberry Sets**  
Everything for the Festal Boards at Less Than You'd Expect to Pay



- Special This Week: 1847 Rogers Bros.' Silverware**
- Tea Spoons, plain pattern, set of 6; special ..... **95¢**
  - Tea Spoons, fancy pattern, set of 6; special ..... **1.05**
  - Dessert Spoons, plain pattern, set of 6; special ..... **1.69**
  - Dessert Spoons, fancy pattern, set of 6; special ..... **1.90**
  - Table Spoons, plain pattern, set of 6; special ..... **1.80**
  - Table Spoons, fancy pattern, set of 6; special ..... **2.10**
  - Set of six Knives and Forks; special **\$3.50**
  - Sugar Spoons; special, each ..... **35¢**
  - Butter Knives; special, each ..... **40¢**
  - Cream Ladles; special, each ..... **35¢**
  - Gravy Ladles; special, each ..... **70¢**
  - Soup Ladles; special, each ..... **1.50**
  - Nut Cracks; special, each ..... **45¢**
  - Nut Picks, set of 6 ..... **1.25**
  - Fruit Knives, set of 6 ..... **1.40**
- Guaranteed Steel Carving Sets**
- Stag handle, 3 pieces, regular value \$2.25; special ..... **1.85**
  - Stag handle, 3 pieces, regular value \$2.50; special ..... **2.00**
  - Ivory celluloid handle, 3 pieces, regular value \$2.75; special ..... **2.25**
  - Ivory celluloid handle, 3 pieces, regular value \$3.50; special ..... **2.95**
  - Stag handle, 3 pieces, regular value \$3.00; special ..... **2.45**
  - Stag handle, 3 pieces, regular value \$4.50; special ..... **3.60**
  - Ivory antique handle, 3 pieces, regular value \$6.75; special ..... **5.40**
  - Ivory antique handle, 3 pieces, regular value \$8.00; special ..... **6.45**
  - Stag handle, 3 pieces, regular value \$9.75; special ..... **7.80**
- Choice assortment of Carvers at special prices for this week.

### These Specials Are Timely Tips to the Thrifty Woman With Underwear or Hosiery to Buy

Special Wednesday in the Knitwear Shops

- Women's Underwear**
- Women's \$1.25 Vests 98¢—Swiss-Ribbed Mercerized Long-Sleeve Vests, medium weight, in white, pink and blue, regular value \$1.25; special ..... **98¢**
  - Women's \$3.00 Union Suits \$2.39—White Merino Swiss-Ribbed Union Suits, long sleeves, ankle-length, half-open front, regular value \$3.00; special ..... **2.39**
  - Women's \$2.50 Union Suits \$1.98—The "Merode" White Merino Union Suits for large women, sizes 40, 42 and 44, long sleeves, ankle length, extra silk-trimmed, regular value \$2.50; special ..... **1.98**
  - Women's 50c Knit Corset Covers 38¢—"Merode" Knit Cotton Corset Covers, long and short sleeves, regular value 50¢; special ..... **38¢**
  - Women's Cotton Vests or Pants 50¢—Pure White Cotton Fleece-Lined Vests or Pants, neatly trimmed; special at, each ..... **50¢**
- Hosiery**
- Women's 35c Hose 25¢—Winter-Weight Cotton Hose, ribbed, fleece-lined, regular 35¢; special, pair ..... **25¢**
  - Women's 35c Hose 25¢—Extra-Size Black Cotton Fleece-Lined Hose, very elastic, regular value 35¢; special, pair ..... **25¢**
  - Women's \$3.50 Silk Hose \$2.29—A line of beautiful Black Silk Hose, with elegantly embroidered boots, regular value \$3.50; special, pair ..... **2.29**
  - Children's 35c School Hose 25¢—Children's Black Cotton School Hose, fine-ribbed, good winter weight, all sizes, regular value 35¢; special, pair ..... **25¢**
  - Children's Cashmere Hose—Children's 2x1 Ribbed Black Cashmere Hose, full fashioned—
  - Sizes 7 and 7½, regular value 40¢; special, pair ..... **30¢**
  - Sizes 8 and 8½, regular value 45¢; special, pair ..... **35¢**
  - Sizes 9, 9½ and 10, regular value 50¢; special, pair ..... **40¢**

### MEN will be interested in this news. We invite you fellows to come

- And saunter thru the "Men's Store"—a section set apart by itself, where men may find the small belongings they need quickly and without getting into the hurly-burly of other shoppers. Few specials tomorrow:
- Men's \$6.00 Lounging Robes \$4.59—Wool Lounging Robes in Oxford and Blue and Oxford and Red—just the thing for these chilly mornings; regular value \$6.00; special ..... **4.59**
  - Men's \$1.25 Underwear 97¢—Worsted-Ribbed Underwear, in tan, blue, flesh and natural gray, best \$1.25 value; special at, garment ..... **97¢**
  - Men's 25c Hosiery 19¢—Men's Hosiery in plain Oxford gray cashmere, also cotton in plain tan, wine, black and silk-cloaked, regular value 25¢; special, pair ..... **19¢**
  - Men's \$1.50 Silk Mufflers 98¢—Silk Mufflers for cool nights and mornings, in plain gray, navy and cardinal, value \$1.50; special ..... **98¢**

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