

GOVERNOR WEST TELLS BIG AUDIENCE HOW BOOTH GOT IT

Vast Holdings Acquired in Part by Crooked and Underhand Methods.

CANDIDATE'S PART TOLD

Relative Used and Small Owners Squeezed to Build Fortune, is Assertion by Chief Executive.

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Gov. West took office he began to provide jobs for his relatives, and how General W. H. Odell found favor in his sight.

Saw "Easy Money."
"When Oregon was admitted as a state," he said, "the United States government turned over sections 16 and 36 of every township for the support of the common schools. School lands west of the state could be used as a basis for the selection of other lands. These lands grabbers early saw an opportunity to pick up some easy money."

"It was the state's duty to furnish prospective purchasers of land the base land for the selection, but General Odell had a deal in the state land office and gave out this information, charging \$1 or \$1.50 per acre. The buyer would take a description of the base to the state land agent and would pay the price to be turned over to the school fund. Notwithstanding the state did not have title at the time Odell collected nearly \$100,000 in this way, and when Chamberlain came into the governor's office and the selection, on account of irregularity, were turned down at Washington, the people wanted their money back from Odell, but could not get it."

Official Pocketed Interest.
"Governor Geer's message in 1903 stated that there was \$729,435.42 of the school fund in the treasury. This money was supposed to be loaned out, but the state treasurer was loaning it to banks and pocketing the interest. The governor next turned his attention to the operations of timber speculators in various parts of the state—W. N. Jones in the Siletz Indian reservation; Jones and Pierce Mays in the Blue Mountain reserve; the Booth-Kelly people around Eugene, and Horace L. McKinley and S. A. D. Pater as free lancers. He told how Mr. Booth had his brother appointed as one of the officials of the land office at Roseburg, J. H. Bridges being the other."

In connection with the creation of the national forest, Governor West said that the Oregon senators, as well as those from the other states, were tools of the railroads and the other corporations.

Alleged Grafting Outlined.
"You know in those days they were their election through the buying of votes; I know votes were bought, because I saw some of them bought. I worked in a bank at Salem for a while," he said.

It was amusing to see the \$100 bills come floating into the bank where I worked when the legislature met. In a little while we had a whole bale of them. The nightbirds used to come in and give checks for this kind of money. Out of curiosity I used to take notes of the numbers on the bills and it was amusing to see the fellows who would bring back the bills. The governor continued to outline more of the alleged grafting processes of the legislature.

"These railroad senators being back in congress, the railroad attorneys saw their opportunity." The governor then described how the railroads traded their worthless lands in forest reserves for the richly timbered state lands of Oregon and Washington.

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Continuing he said, "They passed a law whereby the railroads could, through scrip, trade certain worthless lands in Washington for the unsurveyed lands of Oregon. The small owner couldn't do that, but the railroad could. And you can go into the Cascade mountains today and find thousands of acres of Northern Pacific railroad lands unsurveyed and not an acre of which is being taxed."

Low Tax Declared Ridiculous.
Referring to the ridiculously low tax rate enforced by the railroads in the past upon their timber holdings in this state the governor said that the O. & C. R. R. land grant had been taxed but 40 cents an acre in 40 years, or 1 cent per acre per year.

Speaking of the bill in the state legislature when Senator Chamberlain was governor and when Robert A. Booth was state senator in which it was sought to force the timber owners of this state to stand a just share of taxation on their holdings and thus relieve the small settler, the governor stated that Mr. Chamberlain promoted the bill because he believed a public office was a public trust.

"Booth," he continued, "over in the state killed a bill because he was afraid of the small settler, and because he had large timber holdings. Governor West said that during the land fraud investigations, Joe Bridges told the government officers that the southern Oregon timber territory was divided between the Booth-Kelly company and Frederick A. Kribs."

Quoting from the files of the governor from the files of the weekly Oregonian of 1905 concerning the indictment of Robert A. Booth and from those of 1902 containing an editorial arraignment of T. Geer.

Blue Mountain Story Retold.
Concerning the Blue Mountain land frauds for which a number of prominent public officials and politicians were indicted, he said: "Over in eastern Oregon Congressman J. N. Williamson and others picked up a lot of scab land through and Binger Herman had a forest reserve created. They thus created a lot of lieu land base or scrip which could be used to select valuable timber lands at other points. Going deeper into the land fraud transactions the speaker told of the dummy locations and how these operators went down into the north and secured dummy applications for a head to use in securing title to school land."

In 1898, the governor said, J. H. Booth, John Kelly and George Kelly ran a little sawmill at Saguinaw. They had a little timber there and while logging ran into the hands of the Oregon & California railroad.

The railroad company was supposed to sell these grant lands at \$2.50 per acre to actual settlers, but they were not doing it. "The little fellow," said the governor, "could not buy." He described the railroad lands as being very valuable. Some of these claims cruised as high as 14,000,000 feet. The Booth-Kelly company, he asserted, paid Jordan \$100 for a 14,000,000 foot claim, easily worth \$10,000 today.

Small Holders Squeezed Out.
Small holders, he asserted, were compelled to sell out for paltry sums. The governor described how Mr. Booth used his poor relations to acquire lands, the Booth-Kelly Lumber company paying the fees.

"Do you suppose any of George R. Chamberlain's poor relations would be induced to commit perjury to assist him in amassing a fortune? I say, no!" A burst of applause greeted his statement.

"Why, in the evidence of the Booth case, a young woman testified that she had received \$100, but did not know what it was for. Booth stated he was giving it to her to help her out. Her claim, which went to the Booth-Kelly company, was worth \$5000."

The governor went on to tell how the Booth-Kelly company got 800,000 acres of the Oregon Central Military Wagon Road company between Eugene and Lakeview. How the best of the lands were taken over by the Booth-Kelly company and about 600,000 acres of worthless lands were turned over to a gang of promoters to sell. A lottery scheme was perfected, by which it was to be sold to working girls and factory hands in the east. "The land was so bare and unfruitful that you couldn't raise

a disturbance on it," he said, "and yet by misrepresentation and misleading advertisements, 500,000 acres were sold. This was a fine scheme for a good Christian to be mixed up in. It will thus be seen that some of the Booth money that has gone for higher education has been taken from factory hands in the east through fraud."

He told how a measure had been gotten through congress providing for the exchange of 110,000 acres of undesirable scattered lands for \$1,000 acres of the finest lands in the Klamath reservation. This bill, he said, also provided for permission to go on to the Klamath Indian reservation and construct railroads, build mills, own sites, control water power and everything else that goes to make wealth by political manipulation.

"Give these corporations your natural wealth and your lands, and natural gas and the public domain, let them grab the power sites and build them up, and then perhaps they will give you a job in the mill."

Gang Wants to Get Back.
Outlining the various Booth-Kelly timber acquisitions throughout the history of the corporation, the governor said that the company now owned 259,000 acres. This, he remarked, was 59,000 more than Bill Hanley has.

"The old gang has been cleaned out," he continued, "but they have come back from the trough a long time and they want to come back. The Oregonian dragged Booth away from his devotees, they should not have done that. For the same reason they brought out Pat McCarthy."

Judge W. D. Fenton, general counsel for the Southern Pacific, who is said to be one of the sponsors of the proposed assembly bill, also came in for criticism at the governor's hands. Judge Fenton favors the assembly bill and other reactionary measures, asserted the governor, because he does not like the things that the state railroad commission has done to the railroads of the state, in the way of ordering more comfortable cars, new stations, decent water, lower freight and express rates, as well as other things that have come with direct government in the hands of the people.

Withycombe Should Be "Uncocked."
Referring to Dr. Withycombe, candidate for governor, Governor West said: "The doctor and I differ on a few things. Dr. Withycombe says you want to elect him because he has been in public service 15 years and needs to be supported the rest of his life. Now, I have been in public service 10 years, and I have been paid for my services. I don't want to be supported. I should get out and earn a living. Dr. Smith is a man with constructive ideas and policies; he is out now telling the people what his policies are. Dr. Withycombe should be forced to do the same thing. If he wants to be your chief executive, he should be made to tell the people what his policies will be when he procures that position."

The governor declared that Withycombe has been ordered by his political advisers to keep still. He accused Dr. Withycombe of traveling on a railroad passes, and stated that the veterinary board was created to give the doctor a job.

Smithy of Chamberlain.
The governor declared that Dr. Charles J. Smith, as state senator, had fought side by side with the then Governor Chamberlain for legislation to dislodge the old land ring; that, in the senate, Dr. Smith had been the dependable ally of Chamberlain in defending and strengthening the Oregon system, and that if elected governor he would be a barrier to the political land gang now trying to again seize control of the state government.

A loud burst of applause greeted Governor West's declaration that "Every bit of constructive legislation passed in this state in the last 10 years has been supported and secured through the aid of the Oregon Journal. If you will go back through the files of the Oregonian you will find that they have opposed nearly every measure that has been for the public good."

The "rotten" government we have had in the past, he continued, is due to the Oregonian because that paper stood for it. The Oregonian, he said, refused to expose it, although it had the power to do so.

Governor West spoke two hours and ten minutes, and held the interested attention of his big audience. His remarks abounded in wit, keen sarcasm and ridicule, and were punctuated constantly with laughter and applause.

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Berlin Paper Points to Dismissal of British Ambassador's German Cook Five Days Before War.

Amsterdam, Oct. 14.—The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin has published an editorial on the causes of the war in which it offers as proof of England's culpability the discharge of Sir Edward Goschen's cook. The Lokal Anzeiger says:

"As incontestable proof that England wanted war all the time and was secretly preparing for it long before the crisis occurred may be cited the fact that the English ambassador dismissed his female German cook on July 29, five days before war was declared."

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May Be Two More Registration Days

Attorney General Holds That Books Do Not Close Until October 17; Evans Asked Opinion on Question.

Salem, Or., Oct. 14.—The attorney general's office today reiterated its opinion given last spring that registration closes in all counties on October 17, the matter being put up to the attorney general by District Attorney Evans of Multnomah county. Secretary of State Olcott has disagreed with the attorney general, insisting that the registration closes October 15.

Copies of the last spring's opinion of Attorney General Crawford had been sent to the clerks of all the counties of the state by the Anti-Saloon league, according to Evans, with a request that the opinion be followed and voters have two more days in which to register.

First Assistant James Crawford of the attorney general's office today told Evans that the old rule for state elections, whereby registration closed May 15 when the election was held June 1, applied to the November election in computing the number of days that must elapse.

Several counties, including Marion, it is known here, will permit registration until Saturday night.

The impression was gained that Multnomah county, backed by the attorney general's opinion, would follow suit.

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