# VERBATIM REPORT OF JOINT DEBATE BETWEEN WEST AND BOOTH.

## **BOOTH TELLS HOW TIMBER** LAND HOLDINGS ACQUIRED

Candidate for Senator Reviews Land Fraud Prosecutions and Accuses West of Being Burns Detective, Acting Through Political Motives.

KLAMATH TRANSACTION IS REVIEWED AT LENGTH

#### BOOTH EXPLAINS HIS POSITION

I take it that everyone in this presence understands that I am not here simply in my own defense as a private citizen or to attempt even to defend a good name, if I have such, but I am here because I am the nominee of the Republican party for the United States senate, seeking to represent the people of Oregon in the United States senate, because 70,000 people in this state gave me their vote at the primarymore votes than was cast for any other candidate in any party for any

"What I owe to them and to all people who are inclined to give me their support, I desire to now pay to the utmost farthing, that my state may be fairly represented in the national halls of congress by the majority party of the state, and that I will do, unless I am proven unworthy by the governor of this state or some of his supporters,

"Now as to political manipulation. I never received a favor of the commissioner of the general land office, or any senator or any congressman; and hear me when I tell you that I have never asked it, never wrote a letter that affected any title to a single acre of our land.

"Why did not Mr. West tell you that all the lands, more than a million acres that we have handled, more than 99 per cent of it-more than 95 per cent of it had the title initiated before our company was organized? I speak from the records.

"And furthermore, men, never has there been yet actual disposition and final disposition of an acre that we own; not an acre; and there never has been attacked more than five claims, less than one-tenth of one perseent of the lands that we have handled. So you see that we go up in the Royal Baking Powder's class, our governor notwith-

that through graft and

occurred on November 9, and remember

"Mr. West made reports on men

"Were these the kind of men Mr.

"The evidence is clear that Mr.

men, among them Samuel Gompers, un-

"Mr. West collected, according to

the records \$365.20 mileage and wit-

ington to Portland and return, when he

was served with papers in Portland.

turned \$350.20 into the state treasury

\$253 from the state of Oregon for his

"Campaign literature furnished to

West when he was governor was fold-

ed by the convicts in the penitentiary

instead of given to free labor, as oth-

this man, of high moral purposes, and

supposed to be fair minded, reprsent-

with this type of character, with

these things staring him in the face

The Journal Article Quoted

commenced business with a little

tune was based upon the purchase of

by corrupt practice, in league with

corrupt officials, who were taken into

uperior officers; that a railroad was

built into the timber under our con-

trol, and that we had secret rates-

we never could have built up a trade

on that sort of a thing-that others

could not buy or operate on this line.

that we acquired land in the Klamath

Indian reservation; that I robbed wid-

ows, working girls and servant girls

Asked for Trial Many Times.

he does not say, like a man, that I

was the only man who plead for a

they would not come up with the evi-

dence, and give me a chance. He does

not say that I am the only one that

not say that we did not put a witness

What we want is the cold facts.

"Now, men this is the sort

thing I have been up against. If I

had been guilty, if there had been a

line of evidence against me, with Gov-

ernor West and men like him hound-

ing me. I would not be here to tell

the story tonight, and you know it.

of "Hurrah for West), (Laughter.)

"Now, what are the facts? (A cry

"Just a word. If I prove untrue a

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on the stand; he does not say that the

"Please, let's not have applause,

methods of that type of man.

"So I was, by the process and by the

Seventeen times my lawyers

selling lands through larceny

"By political manipulation, he says,

expenses.

West considered good and would be

Evidence Declared Clear.

impartial on a jury?

HERE did Mr. Booth get | reformer in his time but now believes This was the theme of everything has gone to hell and it is

the great meeting last too late to save the country, (Laugh-Friday evening when Gov-ter) He is one who would be in for West presented proofs in sup- convicting anybody, especially if he port of the charge that much of the were a Republican politician.' And his wast timber holdings of the Booth- name went in the box. (Applause). Kelly company was secured through fraud, and R. A. Booth, the head of the company, and now a candidate for United States senator, undertook and Intaking,—that

According to previous arrangement that this box was not filled until the 17th—about Herrman, he said: I hope ment, speaking for 30 minutes. Governor West followed, occupying an hour. Mr. Booth concluded the debate, being allotted 30 minutes for "Mr. West made reports on men the purpose. According to previous calling them good and reports of Mr. announcement The Journal now pub-Burns on the same men said; These Bishes the full stemographic report of men would convict Christ,' In his opening statement Mr. Booth

"Ladies and Gentlemen-I am not here for applause. All that I ask for, hearing from open minded voters, and West was a Burns detective, acting I beg every friend to cease from apthrough political motives; the same plause that we may hurry this thing Burns, who traced me from ocean to case there is any disturbance it shall who shadowed me in my home, who shadowed me in my home, who shadowed me around this city; he is not be deducted from the time of the same man who has traced other

"I take it that everyone in this til he was indicted, tried and acquitted, presence understands that I am not as I; yet, this is the type of man who here simply in my own defense as has accused me that was a party in private citizen or to attempt even that prosecution. (Applause). to defend a good name, if I have such, but I am here because I am the nomnee of the Republican party for the ness fees from the government Janu-United States senate, seeking to rep- ary, 1910, claiming mileage from Washted States senate, because 70,000 people in this state gave me their vote at the When he was called a grafter by the primary-more votes than was cast federal officers for making an affidavit for any other candidate in any party to collect this money he later re-

"What I owe to them and to all people who are inclined to give me their collected, according to the records, support. I desige to now pay to the utmost farthing, that my state may be fairly represented in the national halls of congress by the majority party of the state; and that I will do, unless I am proven unworthy by the governor Declares Debate "Sideshow."

"If I am unworthy, if there is anyme better qualified, then it is to my interest as well as yours that they represent you, and I shall have quarrel with you if you vote for them. But what I want to impress upon you is this: If the charges that have been made against me are true, then possibly you will decide to vote against

senatorial campaign, to divert the at- state, tention of the people from the real issues, and that possibly it is unwise to heed it; but, as I said before, I want to the stenographic reports in the you to know what part I have had it Portland Journal he charged that we developing the industries of this state and how the accumulation of what I plant and a few trees; that the forand my associates have come about.

something of the type of the man who has accused me. If he has done it in good faith, well and good. Whether or not he has, it is up to the people of Oregon to decide. Let me review a little bit of some of the hounding that he and other men like him have given the best citizens that ever blessed this state. Just a word about

Land Fraud Prosecution Reviewed.

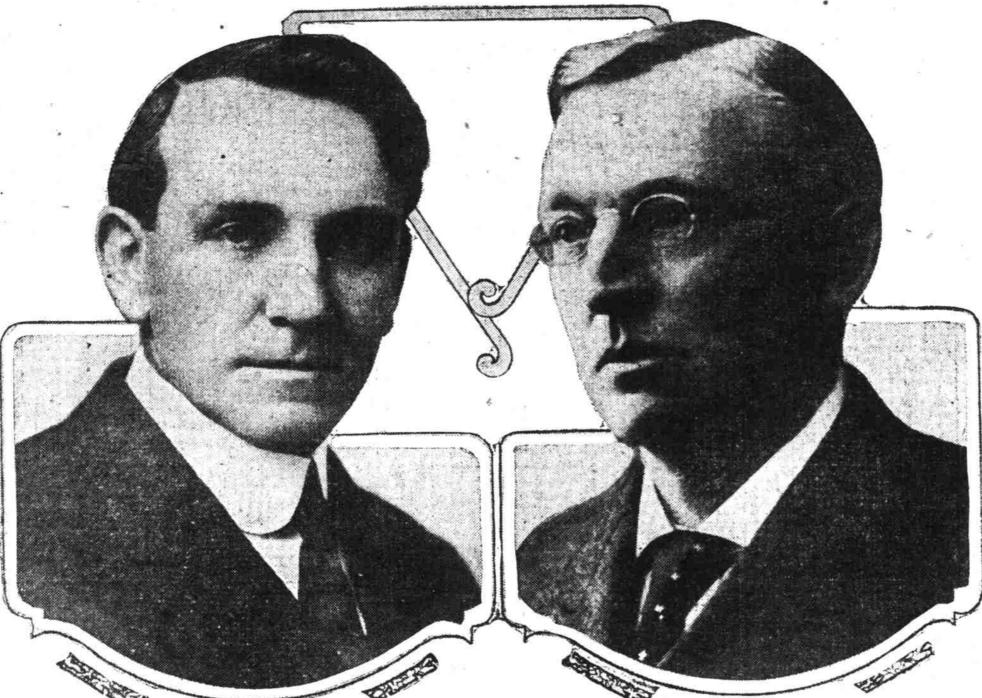
"You know that the question of my integrity and the accumulation of the imber lands of the company came about through the prosecution of this overnment, represented by Francis J. schemes; that I am a tax dodger, and With these prevented the passage of bills that men, whom every citizen of this state would have increased the tax in timnow knows, and that are known from ber; that I robbed my relatives, whom the east to the west of this country, he refers to as weak-minded mountain The evi- people (laughter); and, further, he redence I take from the brief that was fers to charges and the trial of my furnished in the Jones case to the pres- brother, and says that I was indicted. ident when he asked for pardon

"When it was decided to stuff the dury box in the land fraud cases and names were submitted every man was investigated before his name went ino the box, and the man had to be known as a convictor before his name went in.

"August 2, 1905, Mr. West received a telegram to go to the federal buildin Portland, and immediately thereafter to become a Burns detective investigating men, learning their views on conviction, and traveling in several counties. Mr. West has acted as a Burns detective for two weeks. at which time, August 17, Burns telegraphed to Washington, 'Jury commisoner cleaned out the old box from which trial jurors are selected, and put 600 new names, every which was investigated before they were placed in the box.'

West's Reports on File.

"Mr. West's reports are on file at Washington, together with his vouchers for his expenses in traveling. are the documentary proof that he was engaged in stacking the jury box. Here is West's report on D. E. Swank Marion county, and is a fair sample: Pretty good old man, a straight PopuOPPONENTS IN GREAT POLITICAL DEBATE FRIDAY NIGHT



Left to right-Oswald West, governor of Oregon, and R. A. Booth, Republican candidate for United States senator, who debated Friday evening the question of how Mr. Booth acquired his timber holdings and his fitness for the office he seeks.

## Governor West Bares Details of Booth's Timber Land Deals Masterly Presentation Brings Cheers From Great Audience

### GOVERNOR WEST DRAWS A COMPARISON

"There was a man in the prison who had a good record while there; of United States senator, then it was no longer a personal matter with he had earned his credits and when he asked me for a pardon it was given to him, a pardon that set forth his record and carried out to the people of the state the fact that he was a man that was trying to do good, and asking the help of those with whom he might come in contact; and after a time word came back from an adjoining state that this man state; and I saw a picture of that man walking that wall with his rifle, an emblem of authority, as it were, watching the men in the prison, and I thought I saw a prisoner approach him and say to him, 'Brother, you are one of us; you are not of the people on the outside: you are one of us; you have worn our stripes; you have eaten our food and you have walked to your cell to the time of the lock step; you have answered to the count. Now come, brother, give us the gun that we may break these unnatural bounds and once more prey upon the public."

"And my mind went to another picture, and I thought of the help that I had given Mr. Booth in his hour of trouble, and I thought of the good things that I had said of him from time to time. I wished him the best in the world. But when the time came that Mr. Booth, notwithstanding his transgressions in the past, presumed to aspire to the office

me, no longer a matter of duty between me as an individual and Mr. Booth and his brother, but it was a public duty; and I saw a picture of Mr. Booth armed with his commission, his emblem of authority, at his post of duty in Washington; on one hand was the people, on the other the interests, and among them the Kribbses and the Blodgets and the Joneses and the other big timber operators, and I could see them com-

"'Brother, you are not of the people, you are one of us. (Applause). You have walked with us through the magnificent forests of Oregon. We have bought railroad lands together at a low price; we have taken advantage of the fact that we held the key to the situation, and we have made the humble homesteaders give us claims that were worth four or five thousand dollars apiece for five hundred dollars. We have taken unfortunate brothers and paid them a paltry sum to assist us in robbing the people of the state of Oregon of their birthright. Come, give us the power that you have and we will tear away these unnatural fetters that are protecting the natural resources of this great nation and we will once more roam in green pastures. We, the self-annointed, are the ones to care for these great resources, not the common herd.' That is the picture I saw."

er men had to do. (Applause). And to reading from the records of the federal courts in the suit ing, or mirepresenting, this state, for brought by the government against some cause vetoed the morals court bill, recommended by the Portland vice the Booth-Kelly Lumber company to commission. Why was it? I leave it also from the printed brief of United to you to answer. But it is this man, States District Attorney John S. Mc-Court in the same case.

"My friends, this is a most importand the records where anybody can see "What were the charges? According United States senatorship.

our company, and discharged by their | the senate."

Governor West: "Tomorrow even ing I will be glad to take up any

(Cries of "louder." "Do it now," and cheers.) Governor West:

Helped Booth and Brother. "Mr. Booth might have gone further Henry and himself were on trial I reached my hand out to them the same as I have done to men in the penitenwent asking a trial. For four years tiary who have transgressed the law could see them coming to the senator West." it was held over my head, because (applause and hisses) because I didn't and saying: want to see them convicted, and I

did not put in a dilatory plea; he does by the uproar in the audience), jury said "not guilty" on the first bal- standaudience).

Mr. Booth: "I would like to say a few words, Mr. Chairman." Chairman Sabin: "You may."

more if the time allotted him is not request that the chairman extend it." Thank you I would have told you that I went on the witness stand, single charge that he has made, then

OVERNOR WEST followed Mr., "That reminds me of a little inci-Booth and spoke for an hour. dent. There was a man in the prison He devoted much of his time who had a good record while there; he had earned his credits and when he asked me for a pardon it was given to him, a pardon that set forth his cancel certain timber claims. He read of the state the fact that he was a man that was trying to do good, and asking the help of those with whom he might come in contact; and after time word came back from an adjointhem, that is making the charges ant meeting, because serious charges ing state that his man was being "I understand, however, full well, them, that is making the charges and meeting, because Mr. Booth given a position as a guard on the that this is merely a sideshow to a state. cannot be proven, then he has been and I saw a picture of that man walkdone a great wrong. If the state- ing that wall with is rifle, an emblem ments I make tonight can be proven, of authority, as it were, watching the then the people of this state have men in the prison, and I thought I saw been done a great wrong through Mr. a prisoner approach him and say to Booth's presuming to be elected to the him, Brother, you are one of us; you are not of the people on the outside; "Now I am not going to take the you are one of us; you have worn our time of the evening to answer some stripes; you have eaten our food and of the charges that have been made you have walked to your cell to the Mr. Booth, I am not running for time of the lock step; you have answered to the count.

> once more prey upon the public.' ture, and I thought of the help that of Oregon and used his power of other Ethel La Raut. (Laughter.) charges Mr. Booth has to make against I had given Mr. Booth in his hour of place to prey upon his less fortunate These four relatives took claims on trouble, and I thought of the good brothers, has sought through monop- what is known as Brumbaugh creek. things that I had said of him from oly to control natural resources, which I understand is a branch of a time to time. I wished him the best which are the birthright of all, and river which runs into one fork of the I in the world. But when the time thus enabled the house of Booth to have one hour, which I am going to came that Mr. Booth, notwithstanding levy tribute upon generations to come; take in setting forth the charges his transgressions in the past, pre- that he has borne false witness and against Mr. Booth. Mr. Booth has sumed to aspire to the office of caused others to commit perjury in mentioned my naming his brother as United States senator, then it was no order that he might retain such of his a member of the state board of agri- longer a personal matter with me, no holdings as were gotten unlawfully; culture, which is true. His brother longer a matter of duty between me that he has for years been deceiving was named by Governor Frank Benson, as an individual and Mr. Booth and the brethren of his church, in a man whom I highly honored; we his brother, but it was a public duty; that he has led them to believe he were personal friends, and I was and I saw a picture of Mr. Booth was a Christian in spirit and truth costs and expenses of the claims. Edpleased to leave him in that position, armed with his commission, his em- when in fact he has merely used his ward Jordan entered his claim under blem of authority, at his post of duty religion as a cloak to cover his preda- a similar agreement with John F. in Washington; on one hand was tha tory activities. (Applause and cheers. and told you that when his brother people, on the other the interests, and with hisses). among them the Kribbses and the Blodgets and the Joneses and the county, Oregon, this twenty-third day

> > Another Picture Seen.

Brother, you are not of the people, (The speaker's voice was drowned you are one of us. (Applause). You y the uproar in the audience). have walked with us through the Governor West: "He might have magnificent forests of Oregon. We Governor West: "He might have told you that I was on the witness stand—" (The speaker's voice was at a low price; we have taken advandrowned by continuous uproar in the tage of the fact that we held the key whole of our lands was secured by the John F. Kelly. to the situation, and we have made railroad company and settlers years the humble homesteaders give us before our company was even organclaims that were worth four or five ized. The small fraction remaining thousand dollars apiece for five was honestly acquired by purchase hundred dollars. We have taken un- from owners who at their own inevery friend that I have in this audi- fortunate brothers and paid them a stance initiated their title and per- ents were issued by the federal govence to give the governor a respect- paltry sum to assist us in robbing the fected their rights. We never exful hearing (cheering); and further- people of the state of Oregon of their ploited the public domain by locating birthright. Come; give us the power people thereon. sufficient I most cheerfully will grant that you have and we will tear away these unnatural fetters that are protecting the natural resources of this thereon, great nation and we will once more charged against timber concerns." roam in green pastures. We, the self- Don't forget that statement. 'I wish and I went out of my way to say good annointed, are the ones to care for specifically to state that we have according to all fair evidence he is things about Mr. Booth and his these great resources, not the com- never by any method wrongfully acmon-herd.' That is the picture I saw. quired title to an acre of land.

"And I will tell you, my friends, it; one knows this better than representais my duty not only as a public of- tives of the government who investificial, but as an individual, to fight gated it." a man whose record of the past shows that there may be a spark of the old still flickering in his bosom which read from a brief supplied by the govmay be fanned to flame by the en-

with cheers of "Booth"). here to make some charges against by United States attorney long after front of the stage, and was greeted Mr. Booth, who is a candidate for the time of Heney and Burns, by a with applause mixed with hisses). United States senatorship. 'In the man who is a member of his own Mr. T. B. McLeod: "Ladies and gencourt of public opinion of the state party, whose appointment was secured tlemen: I corroborate what Mr. Booth wald West, plaintiff, versus R. A. who never dreamed when he wrote Booth, defendant. R. A. Booth is ac- the brief that Mr. Booth would be a uproar continued). "I want to ask you, cused by this indictment of having senatorial candidate. looted the public domain, proven un-faithful as a public official, and of

resorted to fraud, violated the laws of fice at Roseburg, Or ..

(Laughter).

timber holdings and his wealth; that Raut; one was named Stephen La "And my mind went to another pic- he has ignored the laws of the state "'Dated at Portland, Multnomah

other big timber operators, and I of October, 1914, and signed Oswold "The witnesses are the records of

the federal court and the records, of no attention whatever thereto. the state of Oregon." "Now prove them. A voice:

Governor West: "That is what I

We never exploited the public domain by locating people

Extract From Brief Bead

'Now, my friends, I am going to him to testify?" ernment when the case in which Mr. ten just a minute. Mr. McLeod, I am treaties of his friends who would Booth's company was interested went just informed, the secretary of the lands therein described, and that the meet him in Washington in the late up to the United States circuit court Hammond Lumber company, is in the hours of the night. (Applause, mixed of appeals. The decision in that case house, and I will ask him to corrobwas rendered by Judges Morrow, Ross orate what I have said." "Now, ladies and gentlemen, I am and Gilbert. This brief was prepared an indictment: Os- by many of Mr. Booth's friends and says." (Applause.) "Now I want you to remember this

when we start in, that between Janu- order.) being a pious fraud, as follows, to- ary, 1902, and January, 1903, J. H. Booth, Senator Booth's brother, was Governor Makes His Charge, secretary of the company and re-"That the said R. A. Booth has ceiver of the United States land of-"Now Mr. Booth had some poor re-

(There were cries from the audi-ence of "answer them," mixed with break these unnatural bounds and public official in order to add to his lations. One was named Alice Raut, another Lucy La Raut, and un-La Raut, Lucy La Raut and Ethel prior agreement with Booth that they were to be paid one hundred dollars

> Kelly. Patents Delivered to Kelly, "'In accordance with said prior agreement all details of perfecting title were attended to by the defendant company and perliminary expenses were paid by it, the applicants giving

each for doing so, over and over the

"The company paid for publication and charged same to its stumpage 4c-It made no charge therefor against the individuals.

'All patents delivered to Frank A. Alley November 9, 1904, at request of "Remember that. Here are a num-

Booth says not for him but for themselves. Now remember when the paternment that John F. Kelly goes into the land office. What business then the time on the cases at issue; but did he have to go into the land of- just a hasty word about a few things. fice and say to the register and receiver, 'Turn those patents over tol the attorney for the Booth-Kelly Lum- charges in Lane county, after he deber company?' And what right did nied the statements they said he made, Mr. J. H. Booth, who was receiver and it was proved by 14 affidavits.

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## BOOTH IN CLOSING SPEECH ENTERS EMPHATIC DENIALS

Money Paid to Eugene Paper Was for Advertising; Lands Which Are Said to Have Been Bought From Relatives Declared Still Theirs.

CROWD'S INTERRUPTIONS INTERFERE WITH SPEAKER

#### LA RAUTS BOUGHT FOR THEMSELVES

"Five cases were involved. Four of them were LaRaut cases. The evidence shows that Ethel La Raut, one of the ladies here, came to me, asking about a timber claim; that I said to her that we would furnish the money, carry it, sell it with our own timber, if we sold it; or cut it and pay her by the thousand feet, if we ever operated there, which we never have. That was my testimony; that was her festimony. No other person could possibly know the facts. It was korroborated by the bookkeeper of the company, who sits here.

"Judge Gilbert's decision was rendered on this supposition, which every man has a right to believe or not, as you like: That the La Rauts. whom you see, that Mr. Duebar, who is our secretary, that George Kelly, who is our manager, and John Kelly and myself, swore falsely. If you want to believe that, believe it."

HE debate was concluded by Mr. relation to money that I puld the

as rapidly as I can. You have heard (Applause.) No such letter as was accusations, by the governor, of the read ever came to me from him, nor Weyerhaeusers, of the Hammonds, of the railroad, of Geer and a lot of other whole cloth. (Applause.) people. He has said, or intimated, that these people were associated with us. thing about me introducing a bill by Any statement that any Weyerhaeuser which we collected toll. I never introor Hammond or anyone that he has duced any bill that had reference to named is now or ever was associated with the Booth-Kelly company is false. (Applause. Cries of "Prove it." Also "And now to the record on the land to the land t

"Give me a chance and I will prove it. Give me a chance." (The speaker could not proceed on account of uproar in the audience and the chairman rapped vigorously for order).

Mr. Booth: "Mr. Chairman, the manager of our company, the secretary of our company, are on this platform. Here is Mr. Dunbar. (Laughter). Here are men to say whether the statement is right or (General uproar). Just a

(General uproar). Just a moment." Chairman Sabin: "Gentlemen, let's have fair play."

Mr Booth: "All I ask is fair play." (The uproar continued). Governor West: "Please give Mr. Booth a chance. Please do. Now he pany, who sits here, saying"is entitled to his time and we want (Interrupted with laughter and general to hear what he has to say."
A voice: "All right, Ozzie." (Ap-

Mr. Booth: "Will you hear me or not? (Applause). All right. Mr. Dunbar says the statement is false." A voice: "Good." Another voice: "Cut it out." (Up-

Mr. Booth: "Now a word. The statement that I said was false-" Interruptions Are Continued.

s our secretary-

the speaker continuing). Mr. Booth: "All right. Mr. Dixon, the manager, is here, and I will call ager, of the status of these claims. He on him and then I will make you this passed on, and Mr. Dixon war proposition: Any man-and I do it manager. He swore that he wold Mr. on the authority of the manager- Dixon that these claims belonged to books, and I defy you to do it-

names may go and examine our stock applause and uproar). A voice: "Will you pay for it?"

Applause). (The uproar continued and the chair

man rapped for order). Governor West: "Give Mr. Booth a

chance, please."
Mr. Booth: "After this is done

Mr. Booth: "Mr. Chairman, men. lis-

(Mr. McLeod here stepped to the

Mr. Booth: "Now just a word. (The

ladies and gentlemen-" (The chairman rapped vigorously for

Booth Asks to Be Heard. Mr. Booth: "Let me ask you whether

the charges that were made. Will you The government appealed the four hear me or not?" (Cries of "yes.") Mr. Booth: "All right. You give

me the chance. That statement that not show. We have advanced those was made has been pronounced false by three men besides myself." (Cries of "Who?" and general uproar.)

Mr. Booth: "I want to talk to you now. I want to talk to you now about no part in the land fraud Kominally Willamette river, in the territory in which Mr. Booth has been operating.

Which Mr. Booth has been operating.

The United States attorney in also brief of an attorney. I will not use show, however, that he was always brief of an attorney. I will be alone tough with Burns and Heney. brief says: 'Alice La Raut, Stephen the brief of any attorney, but I will in close touch with Burns and Heney tell you what is in the evidence and in and had a certain share in filling the La Raut took their claims, under a the judge's decision. Please listen. These poor mountain relatives of mine, two of them are on this platform, and I am going to ask them to arise in a moment that you may see them and then tell you the testimony of the case

that is in this book." platform, and were greeted with any more land cases and Judia Gilbert cheers.)

demned unheard?" Cries of "No" and general uproar. The chairman rapped for order.)

A Voice: "Let's hear Miss Hobbs. 'We are here, Chairman Sabin: ladies and gentlemen, for a serious business. Governor West was listened to patiently and carefully. the name of Portland and in the name of common sense and good business let's give Senator Booth a chance to be ber of people who have gone to the heard. Let's not interrupt any more, The hour is growing late. Let's hear minds thereafter." (Applause.)

Booth Explains Letter.

Mr. Booth: "I will dwell most of The Guard never came to my support until after the governor made of the land office, and Mr. Bridges, That is what brought the Guard to my

who was register of the land office, support.

Booth, who was aliotted 30 min-utes in which to reply to Gov-ernor West's charges. Mr. Booth said:

Telation to money that I plus the Guard—hear me on this point. The Guard's manager came to messolicit-ing money for advertising. We had never advertised. (Laughter.) I gave "Ladies and gentlemen: I will speak him the \$40, and he never returned it.

"Wait a little bit. He galds some-

Raut cases, to which he referr d. A voice: "What about the statute books?"

Mr. Booth: FI will tell you about the statute. Here is the decision right here. Five cases were involved. Four of them were LaRaut cases. The evidence shows that Ethel LaRaut, one of the ladies here, came to me, asking about a timber claim; that I said to her that we would furnish the money, carry it, sell it with our own tember, if we sold it; that is remote from where we are operating or cut it and may her by the thousand feet, if we ever ated there, which we never have. That was my testimony; that was her tessibly know the facts. It was @prroborated by the bookkeeper of the com-

uproar.) Says LaRauts Own Claims.

Mr. Booth: "Wait a minute." (Chairman rapped for order) Mr. Booth: "Hold on. could know the facts? Who else could know the facts?" (Cries of "West."

A voice: "Miss Hobbs." (Eaughter and applause.)
Mr. Booth: "My testimony showed, and our books were delivered there vol-A voice (interrupting): "Prove it." untarily, that every charge cat was Mr. Booth: "I did prove it. Here made against them is in the name, kept on the books, carried against (The uproar in audience prohibited them; and, furthermore, that when I company, I told George Kelly, the manwhom the chairman of this meeting the LaRauts, and not to the company. Mr. Dixon swore to the same thing; and some five years after I went out of the (The speaker was interrupted with management Mr. Dixon bought two of the claims, when the people went to Canada. My testimony, the LaRauts' testimony, Mr. Kelly's testimony, Mr. Dunbars' testimony, and Mr. Dixon's testimony says that the LaRau's own

the claims yet, and we have never bought them ,and any statement to the contrary is false. (Applause.) "I hold here the decision of Judge want to refer to the other charges Bean, which says: 'It is adjuiged and here. Please give me an opportunity." decreed by the court that the plain-A Voice: "How much did you give tiff - the government, mind you - is not entitled to any relief in this suit against any of the said defendants as plaintiff's complaint as to the said

> missed'." (Applause.) A voice: "What is the date of that?" La Raut's Title Upheld, Another voice: "How about the cir-

lands be and the same is hereby dis-

Mr. Booth: "I will give to you, you just wait. This is figned in April. 1912." A Voice: "Who was the notary pub-

(Laughter). Mr. Booth: "Now just a word. Judge Ben presided in the court her, passed on the evidence, and said that the La-Rauts were entitled to the craims, and I am to be given a chance to answer denied one as to Jordan. New listen, claims, we appealed the one, & the circuit court of appeals. And now let me tell you something the books do people money repeatedly, repeatedly; not in sums of \$100.

This ets taken about Judge Gilbert. from the record. Judge Glibert had jury box in 1905. When Judge De-Haven was trying Williamson-(interrupted by uproar)-I beg you to listen to this-Burns telegraphed to Wash ington June 14, 1905, that if the Williamson jury hangs Judge Gibet will order new names. The jury disagreed (The ladies here stood up on the Judge DeHaven was not asked to try heers.)

Mr. Booth: "Gentiemen, I want to it was from this list that fir. West, ask you whether a man is to be con- Burns and others, packed the ury box.

> "Judge Gilbert limited the counties from which the names were fawn, for Captain Sladen, who had charge of the jury matters, wrote Bush at Salem that Gilbert would limit the counties after the judge knows what names Jury Commissioner Bush submitted. "That is the record.

Jury Selection Attacked. "June 12 Burns telegraphid Washngton that Judge Gilbert grote the attorney general not to make an ap what he has to say and make up our pointment to fill the judgest caused by Judge Bellinger's death, is the defendants would demand that Oregon

> citizens be tried by Oregon Junges. You "August 4, while West was a Burns detective. Sladen sent the Columbia county list to S. A. Miles, a promi-cent Democrat, saying that he did so at the request of Judge Gilbert. Miles recommended only Democrats on the list. That is the kind of justice that has been meted out to the people of

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