### VERBATIM REPORT OF JOINT DEBATE BETWEEN WEST AND BOO

### BOOTH TELLS HOW TIMBER LAND HOLDINGS ACQUIRED

discredited in all. If I prove two of them false, then the evidence against him multiplies, and so on thrugh the

Tells of His Beginning. "Where did we commence with this

little patch of timber? The record is here, and I want to that I shall utter is here in docu- occurred. mients that I will not have time to Just this thing, however. chased by people other than ourselves. We got it by the assignment of contracts. We have worked it ten years operations. It is the sworp testimony of myself in the Three-ten rate case before the Interstate Commerce Commission and in the records given here all. in this city in the Innocent Purchasers' bill, and if Mr. West did not in whereto its title is settled by the public record and I believe he did

17.000 acres.'

(The speaker here produced a map, to which he referred); Tells How Lands Were Bought.

Mr. Booth: "The yellow here represents that timber. The green was timber that we did not own. This is the railroad to which he refers, that he says was built under cennivance with the railroad officials. This is Eugene (indicating) and here is where our mill is situated. Here are the oth-He says we owned all the

timber, that others could not operate

and there has been nothing else doing

there in that country.

the railroad runs. Did we connive lands for with the Oregon officials, who were afterwards discharged?

"Here is the fact. The lands were of the Southern Pacific company, in conjunction with C. P. Huntington, its you want to read them. We bought it, he says, never paying a dollar of the principal, and pnly the interest after the timber was cut. Out of the laboring men of Oregon \$10,000,-000, operated for 10 years, and there

is 10 years yet to cut, We never had any interest in that road, except we gave the right of way for it and the ties. We never had a secret rate, and, as a railroad commissioner, he knew that, or could have known it. We never had the contract delivered to us until simuloperate and to ship 2500 carloads of timber over that road the first year.

Declares Statement Palse.

He says not. But there are nine mills on that road other than This is from the commissioner of land ours. In every sentence that he ut- affairs, Mr. Leupp: tered, whether as to connivance with or the payment of that, he falsified, and could have known it if he desired; and had he been a man, he would have known it. "And, furthermore, since the facts

are as I state, I offer to pay his way, audience, to see whether this timber is all cut, and what the facts are. Every dollar of it was paid within a little over five years by the mortgaging of the premises, and every statement that he uttered in reference to it is absolutely false. (Applause.)

"He says that I was in confivance -perhaps that is not the direct statement; I leave it to you to judge-that was in connivance politically with the men, Senator Mitchell, Senator buy these lands; and that I was in the legislature at the time.

Lands Owned Previously. These lands were purchased some

years-nearly two years-after we had commenced operations, and then they were purchased two years before was in the legislature, two years pefore Senator Mitchell was elected, and four years before Senator Fulton was elected. Did he state a truth? I leave it to you. And if he did not state it in these cases, is it credible to believe that he stated it in any?

"He says something about school lands. There were no school lands vacant when we purchased this, We got the school sections in that territory on that map from Governor Bliss of Michigan,

"He says that we were active in Let me tell you this: That the lands that I have shown you were near the railroad; they were the frontage, and the even sections there had been taken. Why don't he tell you what he might have known, that morthan four fifths of all the lands that either company that I represented or was ever associated with ever hadthe title to four fifths of them had passed from the government when was a boy 6 or 8 years old. He could have as well said that I was in league with the Almighty to make Adam that he might have gone down to this generation that I might get these lands (Applause and cheers.

#### Titles Were Adjudicated.

"He said that I had my brother apthings might be done. They were acland office; and if he is a man unfit for this position, why did Governor tation, as a member of the State Ag- (Applause and cheers).

"He said furthermore about these lands that we had gotten in conniv- Here are what the facts are: First as with the first charges that he made. ance with the government, that the to the legislative proceedings. There I will attend to them a little later officials or with politicians in the was a bill introduced by a gentleman as rapidly as I can. Klamath Indian reservation, that we from Multnomah making a special act had robbed the children. Listen to me. to assess timber land. They say that I never received a favor of the com-The title to those lands, extending I killed it. My vote with others did, missioner of the general land office, from Eugene to Idaho, passed from the and I have no apology to offer for it, or any senator or any congressman; government in 1864, under a Demo- because I stand here, as a fair minded and hear me when I tell you that I cratic president, by the request of a man, to say that the timber is bearing have never asked it, never Democrat, ex-Mayor Pond of San Fran-cisco, and the president of a large "Here is what has transpired. Since single acre of our land. banking concern, and the titles to those our company was organized we have lands were adjudicated by the supreme paid over \$304,000 into the treasury of that all the lands, more than a milcourt of the United States. Could there

have been any connivance? them, 111,383 acres lying within the of another acre our taxes have in-Klamath Indian reservation was in creased under the present law seven speak from the records. litigation. We made a contingent price, fold. Here is the statement (exhibit-The company who owned them was to ing paper). I offer it to you all. carry this through the supreme court,

that had acquired title in 1864. What did I do then? I went to the

(Continued From Preceding Page.) government to ask them what they desired us to do, and they said by act of congress-I have it here before me on this table and we ask you all to see it-that the secretary of the interior Kelly? e authorized and instructed to clasprice in cash we would sell them or expenses upon final proof. In July, upon what basis we would exchange 1902, following the final proofs in them for other lands. They were ex- May previous, each of the applicants say that the proof of every sentence amined and classified, and here is what executed and delivered deeds for the

and a representative of our company \$100. That little patch of timber was pur- went over the land. We classified went then to the representative men corded until September 6, 1907. in Klamath county, asking thm to and there is seven years yet there to appraise them, and they were appraised there were land fraud investigations. by eight different men, including merchants and bankers and the assessor, and then we made this proposition to the government. I will only read part of it but I will leave it here for you

know it, it is his own fault; it is a aforesaid decision of the supreme court, comprise about 11,000 acres of odd numbered sections. To determine "But he charges, secondly, that the a fair and proper price therefor as of fortunes of the Booth-Kelly Lumber present time the company recently company were founded on the pur- caused the land to be examined, tract when they were about to go to Canada, bar.' chase of a tract of timber of about by tract, and so on, and made a report, which follows here. It shows a total acreage of 11,383; an average valuation by the eight people of Klamath county of \$8.11.

Offered to Sell or Exchange.

"But we said to the government-I wish I might read this all but the land before the entries were made, time is slipping by rapidly. Instead They never made any effort to dispose of asking them \$8.11 we said we were willing to take \$7.50, or this-and I of or the amount of timber thereon or 'Or we will exequal value, and if we cannot deterwill do it by any sort of a board selected in any manner that is fair.' They sought to exchange lands with us "Listen, men. This is all timber rather than to pay the cash, and that of the little valley where we did. We offered to exchange these others within the reservation, and for a lesser sum.

"These appraisements, men and women, did not include the two story bought of the vice-president of the white houses, many of them, that were Oregon & California railroad, and also on those premises, and owned by the Indians; they included none of the im-provements; we excluded them alto-The contracts are here, if gether and then we said to the government, 'We will take \$7,000 acres. And what occufred? When this agreedepartment. Mr. Hitchcock was the secretary and I was under indictment. that, and from that we have said to is there anybody here that thinks he gave me the best of the trade, or that I could impose upon him? Listen to what happened.

Commissioner Was Gratified.

"When the trade was agreed to, at his suggestion the bill that authorized this was to be written in his presreferred to the interior department, by them to Mr. Leupp, commissioner ed, recommended by Mr. Hitchcock, secretary of the interior, and passed, "Does anyhody else there operate? and then it was after it was all done, from them, this letter. have

struction of the road, or secret rates, of accumulated obstacles to the progress of another Indian tribe; and think that the way this matter was settled will help the Klamaths to get their minds into a better frame with regard to their local industries. am sure that it could not have been or any man who desires to go in this so satisfactorily arranged if your company had not shown a broad spirit in dealing with the situation and meeting the department half way in the measure for adjustment.' (Applause)

"That is how we sold the land. Is there a word of truth in what he Absolutely none. matters of public record that any man might have known and that I believe he did know. But with the same spiri that prompted him not to promote justice but to thwart it, he made that Fulton and others, hat enabled us to statement, when the public records contradict him.

"He said the remainder of it, five hundred thousand acres, or four hundred, or whatever it was, we sold to

scheme.

Transferred to Minneapolis Man. "Listen here. We sold that landhave all of these documents here and I can present them to you entirely-we sold all of those lands to the fact that the matter was the sub-Harry Hunter,. of Minneapolis, and ject of family conversation, as related with him. The contract was written in this city by Arthur L. Veazie, our made was covered by a receipt in his office, and I authorize him now, to you the facts just as they are. and they went to a Kansas City con- sun is shining." cern, the Oregon Valley Land company. sold them. We never had a cent in- ried into the general invoice account terest beyond that contract. Mr. West of land owned by the company, but could have known it if he had searched would be kept separately in the account the records, either at Portland or at of each individual. Lakeview and the counties through pointed to the land office, that these which they extended. If he did not, he is at fault, and if the facts I state he has done, loaned these people \$100, quired before my brother was in the in this, and in relation to other

Denies Tax Dodger Charge.

"He says that I am a tax dodger.

Lane county as taxes. And listen lion acres that we have handled more here. Since all of our lands were ac- than 99 per cent of it-more than 95 But listen to this: When we bought quired and without the acquisition per cent of it-had the title initiated

of them that belonged, not to the gov- That is the record. Our books were

never been any complaint. "Listen then, just to this last state-

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

"The company paid burchase price land to the company or to R. A. Booth "A representative of the government and each received from the company

them into 16 different classes. We dated July 22, 1902, but was not re-"Remember that during that time

Deeds Not Becorded,

"The four La Raut deeds were not recorded but were retained until the him, if it were true that Robert Booth in Portland.' latter part of 1904 or early in 1905, was merely attempting to assist his when the land fraud investigations and relatives, there was no necessity of that time?" ress, when they were returned to the tries were perfected. It could not well makers and destroyed. The La Rauts be that the property of each was mother's home in the spring of 1902 Judge Morrow and Ross and Gilbert made other deeds in 1907. Lucy and identical, and in order to relieve the and summer?" Ethel were each paid \$25 upon execu- same that each should have exactly tion of the latter deeds. Three years after executing their second deeds, to Brumbaugh, to Roche and to Dun- entry of some timber land there by The La Raut deeds were never reand agents of the government were making inquiry about their entries, and shortly before this suit was commenced, Stephen and Alice La Raut were each paid \$50 by the company. "The applicants and patentees never

saw the land entered by them except when Brumbaugh took them to the took any interest whatever therein the entries or whether taxes were being he began to cut timber that went with paid thereon, notwithstanding they a little sawmill that he had leased from

that it assumed control and ownership were owned by the railroad company, proofs, and charged itself with all ex- cure title to some of them at a low penses relating to these lands, begin- price, which they were able to de ning with its cruise thereon up to the present, including taxes."

Big Acreage Included.

"The stumpage account contained total of \$301.03 above, made up of claims, designated Brumbaugh Land Claims,' was nowhere charged to the stumpage account under the general item 'Cruising.'

"Now the cruising of the company on those claims shows that they averaged, the five claims I have mentioned. about 6,750,000 feet to the quarter sec show that they average 8.530,000 feet. Now taking the two together they the stumpage at only 50 cents on the ground, these claims were worth only mill in that district, and those ground, these claims were worth ever introduced. It was introduced, \$3750 apiece; yet the poor relations who had timber in there were obliged were obliged to turn them over to the to sell to the Booth-Kelly people at Booth-Kelly Lumber company for \$100 a mere pittance; and then they set apiece. (Applause.)

"Now it is said in the brief that, 'It is believed a proper construction of the Brumbaugh and Roche, and others. facts as shown by the circumstances were filed over beyond the Cottage and the acts of the parties renders the Grover somewhere, as I remember it. pretended explanations of the defendants and entrymen absolutely absurd lands, went on the witness stand and a hundred dollars-that is, mamma Oregon officials, whether as to con- am when the tracks can be cleared the truth of the allegations in com-

"Now, before the claims in controversy were filed upon, the Booth-Kelly Lumber company had the lands cruised. together with other lands in the vicinity, and was then and had been for a year prior thereto engaged in purchas-

Paid \$800 Each. "Title was immediately taken to

the same locality and were paid \$100 apiece at the same time. later on when the government investigations were on and the Booth-Kelly Lumber company needed the testimony of Mr. Dunbar and Mr. Roche square accounts with government, they were given about \$800 more widows, and so on, by a lottery apiece. That was a number of years afterwards.

"That Alice and Stephen entered the land in behalf of the defendant company through an arrangement with R. A. Booth is shown by one man, or two, who were associated by the witness, Mrs. Applestone. 'she was a daughter of one of the LaRauts. Mrs. LaRaut, which occurred about attorney. Every payment that was the time the entries were made, or immediately prior thereto. These conversations gave the amount to be reand would have had him here had he ceived by the entrymen as \$100 each. been in town-and release any con- for the services in making the entry fidential relations that he may give on behalf of the company. The books of the company show that these par-"The contract was carried out pro- ties did, subsequently, actually receive cisely, except where we granted a lit- the sum of \$100 within a few weeks tle extension, and I have here the after they had made proof, and thererecord from our bookkeeper of every upon deeds conveying the absolute payment that was made. Mr. Hunter title to the company were made. Now in his company took other men in part- in reference to this Jordan claim of ners, in a partnership, so he tells me. which I speak, the United States at-The record shows that that company torney said in arguing the case: "To transferred them. to a corporation submit argument to show that the Jorformed in Arizona by the name of the dan entry was fraudulent would be Oregon Military Grant Road company, like arguing that it is day when the

"The land embraced in the several "They put them on the market and entries would not in such case be car-

Mursery Rhyme Quoted.

"If Mr. Booth had done as he says things, are true, he owes it to the people of Oregon to apologize, and if

is up, though I am not half through

letter that affected any title to

"Why did not Mr. West tell you

there been yet actual disposition and in the timber thereon?" final disposition of an acre that we but to this road company open to our assessor, and there has in the Royal Baking Powder's class. our government notwithstanding." (Applause.)

(Continued From Preceding Page.) | Wrongdoing, those deeds would not entry, and the contract was all made. to comply with the request of Mr. have been destroyed in December, 1904. They were bringing that poor devil in "And what else did he so Kelly?" What he would do if you did? fraud prosecutions were arising in sum of \$100 in order that they might

> day, which says: (Laughter and applause.) There was man in our town

Who saw a splendid prize In grabbing deeds to timber claims. For he was wondrous wise;
But when he found the tale was out,
With all his might and main.
He said the deeds were not his own
And tore them up again.

"He says in this brief: 'If it were true, as stated by Mr. Booth, that these people were taking up lands for their own use and benefit and not for with my mother and part of the time paying them each \$100 after the enthe same sum that was paid Jordan,

"Now. my friends, I want you to understand the situation. (The speaker here produced a map, to which he family?" referred). "There were railroad grants in that

distance on each side of the railroad have about it.' the railroad company was given the odd sections to aid in the construction of had come off from their claims.' the Oregon & California railroad. Claims Are Sought.

"Now, when Mr. Booth became en gaged in the lumbering business and Jones & Cook, or whoever it was, he "The books of the company show ran onto these wonderful claims that after and they immediately set about to sethrough friendly officials.

"That left, you see, in between these odd sections, which are marked in red, the even sections which were either somewhere close to 150,000 acres. The vacant or had previously been taken by entrymen. Now after acquiring title items of expense upon said it was their aim to consolidate their holdings and acquire title to these even sections. That is why they were takindividuals but was carried into the ing advantage of the situation after they had secured from the railroad company a branch line into the Wend-

"The only railroad construction that We enjoyed in this state for about 20 years was the few miles that were built between Springfield and Eugene, from Eugene to Springfield, to the Booth-Kelly mill, and the branch line up to Wendling to accommodate the about to gather these other claims, the LaRaut claims and the Jordan and

use and benefit. her and that either he or the company was merely loaning them the money. want to read you just a little testi- Jordan was working up there for a to read you what Judge Bean said. up over the telephone. You know Judge R. S. Bean, the judge "What did Mr. Ke of the federal court. I want to read over the phone?" what he said about the Dunbar claim.

Manner Looked Suspicious. "He says: 'The fact that the money was advanced by the company and the manner in which the books were kept, the Dunbar, Roche, Brumbaugh and as well as the circumstances surround-Jordan claims. Dunbar and Roche ing the entry, were suspicious, and were employes in the Booth-Kelly standing alone tends strongly to sup-Lumber company. They filed on lands part the government's contention. But with the explanation given by the witnesses they are not sufficient to overcome the respect due to the patents or the presumption which attended their issuance. That he took the land not for his own use and benefit but for the defendant company. His testimony in this respect is confirmed by the entries in the books and the circum-

stances attending these entries.' "In other words, Judge Bean held that the Jordan entry was bogus, and inspector was there.' (Applause and people came there he could not give that the statements made by the com- cheers.) pany that he was taking the claim for

ng men working for the Booth-Kelly sumber company, one of the laborolicitious, especially at this time there for a half of an hour or such a when he is running for the senate. (Laughter and applause).

was receiver, and Mr. Bridges was register, went there and the Booth-Kelly Lumber company furnished the money to pay the necessary fees. Witness Gives Testimony.

Edward Jordan was called as a witness in support of his application to purchase the lot for which he applied. Now the testimony was taken before Mr. Booth, remember, as receiver, and before Mr. Bridges; and here is what me the check when we got to the land purchase to exceed 320 agrees of land; they asked him. Now remember he office.' (Laughter.) they asked him. Now remember he office.' (Laughter.) was sent there by the Booth-Kelly peo-Kelly people carried the check that was to pay for the claim, and he sat down in front of John Henry Booth, who was secretary of the companythink now-secretary of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, and he was baugh creek. Brumbaugh was an old asked this question:

'Have you sold or transferred your nure, in whole or in part, to the benefit of any person except yourself?" "He says, 'I have not,'

faith for the appropriation of the land in this suit in this same locality?" exclusively to your own use and not for the use or benefit of any other person

"And furthermore, men, never has you are now making, or in the land, or Dunbar claim?" 'Now' just think. There he was, sitwhere it was then lodged. They did. side of the mountains, we paid when own; not an acre; and there never ting before J. H. Booth, the receiver of which you took up your claim and with The company won, and then it was that we got them \$5000 taxes; now we pay has been attacked more than five the land office, the secretary of the whom you negotiated? the United States government had \$1500, with only about a seventh of claims, less than one-tenth of one Booth-Kelly Lumber company, and lands allotted to Indians; 21,000 acres the land left. Am I a tax dodger? per cent of the lands that we have right at that time there was laid on can tell it in a very few words. He

sify these lands and ascertain at what of land to government and all fees and Oregon. It reminds me of a little take his claim, which cruised millions money. nursery rhyme which I heard the other and was worth five or six thousand dollars." (Applause).

> West All Bight. A voice: "What's the matter with

West?" Another voice: 'He's all right.' Governor West: "Now, Mrs. LaRaut had a daughter by the name of Applestone. She went on the witness stand that testified in there that when they and they asked her, 'Where were you' living in 1902 and prior thereto, in in Portland, I think. Part of the time | \$65 in cash." (Laughter.)

'Where was your mother living at 'At Saginaw, Oregon.

"'Yes, sir.' "'Do you know anything about the

'Yes, sir'

ur mother?"

section of the country. For a certain about that, and what information you La Raut made other deeds in 1907, " Well, at the time I was there they

> visit their claims? "Yes, sir, they had been out to see the land? land? 'My mother and step-father had

"'And Ethel. That is, I know that, ecause they were at the house there and I knew they had taken up a timber claim.

Talked With Mother " 'Now, did you have any conversa-

or was there any conversation onducted and carried on in the famly there which you heard in relation to these timber claims?" " 'Yes. "'What did they say about the tim ber claims-how they happened to take a patent the testimony with which it is

them up, and all about it?" "I talked to my mother about especially, and she told me that she said, and they set the patents aside. had taken up a claim and had taken (Applause.) it up for Mr. Booth.' (Laughter and applause.) 'What Mr. Booth?'

A voice: "How is that, Mr. Booth?" Governor West: "Just a minute of the state. They were both public What Mr. Booth? 'Robert Booth.

"'How did she say she come to take up for Robert Booth?" I do not remember just the words. "'Go ahead now and state the conversation that occurred there without being asked any questions,' "'Well, we had talked about it so

many times, at different dates, and she said that she had taken up a claim "Mr. Booth, in order to save those for Robert, and they were to be paid was to be paid a hundred dollars for " Now just remember what this man I Jordan was up against. (Laughter).

mony here from some of this. I want small wage and Mr. Kelly called him "What did Mr. Kelly say "He asked me if I wanted to take

up a timber claim for him, and I told him yes.' (Applause.)
"What did he say he would give "That he would give me one dred dollars.' (Laughter.)

"'What else was he to do besides pay you the \$100?" 'He was to pay for the land and to pay my expenses.' 'And when you got to Roseburg what happened?

"Now, listen to this: "'We went in there to prove up.' " 'Who went in?

" 'Us three fellows-Mrs. Roche, Mr. Brumbaugh and myself. I do not know whether that was the time that Mr. Booth said, 'Stand back awhile, the "Listen, listen.

is own use and benefit were false the time here. (Further applause and cheers, with hisses.) "'How long did you stand back? 'Half an hour, or such a matter. (Laughter.) We went back of the ng men about whom Mr. Booth is so main office and sat in the window

> time, and he called for us.' 'Who called for you?' " 'Mr. Booth.'

" What Booth was that? "'Mr. J. H. Booth."

" Who furnished the funds at the time you proved up-who furnished "The Booth-Kelly Lumber

"'Who carried the money therewho had it there?" That was the bookkeeper of the Booth-Kelly company.'
"'Who paid that check over to the

Check Was Given Her. "'I gave that over myself. He gave

"'Do you remember what kind of " 'The Booth-Kelly pany's check, is all that I know. (Laughter and applause.)

"Now, these claims were known as

pioneer that the creek was probably

'You took up a timber claim about "'Yes, sir. "Where was your claim, in relation to the Jordan claim?"

"'Well mine was in 34 townships "Has any other person than your- 21 and 22, and his is in section 2, town-"Was your claim anywhere near the "'Yes: it joined it.

So you see that we go up the counter by the bookkeeper of the asked me whether I would take up a Booth-Kelly Lumber company a check timber claim, and I told him I would.' issued by the Booth-Kelly people in (Laughter.) favor of the land office to pay this

"'And what else did he say as to "He told me he would furnish the

Would Furnish Expenses. "And pay my expenses."

Q. "Anything else?" "And give me one hundred dol-(Laughter and applause.)

"Now I want you to remember that it was either Jordan or Brumbaugh gave them the \$100, they held out She said, 'In 1961 I was living that they sold to him, so he only got A voice: "He will make a great senator." (Cries of "put him out.")

Another voice: "How about Bliss, the corrupt governor of Michigan." Governor West: "Now, my friends, "'Do you remember being up at your I just want to read you what Federal say about these claims. "The deed from Jordan was not

recorded until September 6, 1907. corded, but in the latter part of 1904 and early in 1905, at about the time "'And the other members of the of the investigation by the government of land frauds in Oregon, those deeds were returned to the makers "'Just state now what you know and destroyed. Now Ethel and Lucy at which time they were each paid \$25. On February 3, 1910, Stephen La Raut and his wife made a de d You mean they had been out to of their lands to the company, and were each paid \$50."

"Now the court says: "The expenses of the instrument in going to Roseburg, lodging there and returning, the recording fees and the publication notices were not entered in these individual accounts, but were entered in the books of the company under the heading, "Brumbaugh Land Claims," and were carried into the stumpage account under the item, "Cruising." They were selected for the company, and now after the court recites this and speaks of Mr. Booth's testimony,

Patents Are Set Aside. "These facts and circumstances are sufficient to meet the requirement of the rule that in a suit to set aside done must be clear, unequivocal and convincing. That is what the court money for a story that would convict me.

"Now, my friends, Mr. Booth was a public official at that time. He was a senator, the same time that George E. Chamberlain was governor officials, both charged with a sacred duty. There was a school fund to conserve and protect.

"Now you remember I mentioned Roche and Dunbar, two gentlemen who were working for the Booth-Kelly Lumber company. Mr. Roche and Mr. Dunbar went up there and filed on claims and received a hundred dollars. Up in that locality perhaps they run out of people to file the Kellys and Roches and Dunbars had all taken up claims for the company, and they wanted to secure title through the state some state that they might obtain.

"Now in each township sections 16 and 36 belonged to the school children of this state, and if for any reason they are lost to the state, the state can select other lands in lieu of them. That list becomes a basis for other selections. Now if those sections were mineral in character, why they would go back to the government and the state would lose them, and they could be used as a basis

"My friend, T. T. Geer, who is out telling the people why Chamberlain should not be elected, was governor of the state, and he had a friend there is the land office by the name of O'Dell who listed a lot of bogus deeds and who collected thousands and thousands of dollars from the people of this state and they got nothing in return.

Cousin Claim Agent,

"Mr. Geer's cousin was state land agent and it was his duty to furnish information as to this base, but when them the information but sent them to General O'Dell, who supplied it. Now down came the Kellys to have some land selected. Here is an indemnity list. They came into the land office and they wanted to select some land, all of section 14, 21 south, 1 west, 640 acres, and they wanted to get 240 acres in section 4, 9, 21 south; that is up in this territory (indicating on map). Now this is the way they proceeded: "They came into the land office, the

Booth-Kelly people came down there, or sent their representative down there with the money, or mailed it down; is got to General O'Dell; and they assigned as base for these selections certain lands over here, section 26, 1 south, 85 east, and section 36, 10 south 31 east. That is over in eastern Oregon. These lands were supposed to be mineral in character, and they wer "Mr. Roche, he carried a check assigned to the federal government and the state authorities alleged that they were mineral in character and that they were going to surrender them officers of the land office for your to the federal government in order

that these lands might be selected for the Booth-Kelly Lumber company. Now under the laws of the state you can't to go out and secure someone to make application for the land and turn it over to them. That is the way the deeds were secured by fraud; and that is the way the Booth-Kelly Lumber company proceeded. They wanted to the Brumbaugh claims, up the Brum- file on these applications. "Now Mr. Dunbar was very much in

evidence. Mr. Dunbar was the clerk who filled out the papers and they sent them down to the land office, applications, one signed by Dunbar, one by Bertha L. Kelly and one by George H. Kelly. It is the Dunbar claim I am particularly interested in at this time. He makes affidavit as follows:

Affidavit Is Made. "'I, H. H. Dunbar, being duly sworn

say that I am over 18 years of age and that I am a citizen of the United States: that the proposed purchase is for my own benefit and not for the pressed or implied, for the sale or disposition of the land applied for, in case am permitted to purchase the same and that there is no valid adverse claim thereto. "Now that application was filed in

that office on December 18. It took a little time to go to the land office, and it came back and it reached the land office on January 4, and the papers were fixed out, prepared and sent to the Roseburg office, or sent to Eugene. and on January 8, just after it got there Mr Dunbar assigns those school lands to Booth-Kelly Lumber company;

# ENTERS EMPHATIC DENIALS

(Continued From Preceding Page.) | by helping extend the roads into the Oregon. Here is the man that was a forest and to send out of this state

"August 10 Judge Gilbert ordered not less than 500 names be drawn, from nine of the 33 counties. The same day Sladen wrote to Bush that cluding Clatsop, the home of Senator

"August 11 Sladen notified Bush that and applause.) Gilbert set August 17 as the day for illing the box.

either intentionally or negligently aid-ed the government detectives in giving the jury box a one sided political here from the development that bias. He took an active part in many would have come save for the petitions matters connected with the filling and that we made, upon which were granted the \$3.10 rate to San Franreserving of the land fraud filled August 17, 1905. He excluded lisco bay and the 10 cent rate east. Counties where some of the more promment defendants were best known. He made for all shippers, was an open ent a list to a partisan Democrat in rate, and we never have had a secret olumbia county for revision and sug- rate, and that can be ascertained from gestion; he extended the time for fillng the box, thus giving the detectives commission, where I and other people nore time to select the convictors.

as done for a \$1007 Jordan Claim Discussed.

Mr. Booth: "Just wait a minute. Now the claim as to the hundred dollars. Here is the evidence, Every man who has read it, and I assume that the governor has-A Voice: "Read it."

Mr. Booth: "This is the Jordan claim, mind, knows that my name is only mentioned in that case once." A Voice: "That's enough," Mr. Booth: "Listen. Th That was

when Jordan said I had nothing to do with it; I never spoke to him about (Applause). A Voice: "Why didn't you say that in Albany?" Mr. Booth: "I wish you would not applaud and just waste the time.

Why didn't I refer to that in the

Whatever blune could possibly be attached to anyone I wanted to take. Not George Kelly, but John Kelly to be answered is your verdict was land man of our company, and but it will not not I. He purchased that claim, spirit of the men who will not hear a and here is what happened. His est dence directly contradicts Jordan port. Believe whichever you please, but lis ten to this. We have in our posses- this last word. slon two letters from Jordan written years after the claim was bought, children fund. that the government had offered him

A Voice: "Read the letter," Mr. Booth: "'If you don't come through with the money I will accept the government's money." (Apwant to believe this. record, every word of it."

us, and he said this."

A Voice: "Read it." mentioned in the Jordan claim save when he said that I had nothing to do with it." (Applause).

A voice: "Good."

ticularly now. I have referred to those charges. Here is what he says: That by connivance with the railroad company we caused them to build a oad into the territory where there had been no mills.'

"The very spot on which our mill low stands and was then built was occupied by a sawmill, and there were two others in the same neighborhood. That is the fact, and I will pay the way of anyboy who wants to go and see whether that is true.

"He said no one else could ship, that we had shut up the resources. We don't own a twentienth of the timber. and there are nine mills there oper ating. Now do you believe the statement of a man who says a thing like that?"

(Mixed cries of "Yes" and "No.") Mr. Booth: "Do you believe the statement?"

(Continued cries of "Yes" and "No." Mr. Booth: "There is no use for me to talk if I can't get a fair hearing. (Laughter and applause.) But this is true. I realize very well from what has been said from the platform and from you, that you are not here with open minds to hear what the facts are, A Voice: "Sure -we are," and applause.)
Mr. Booth: "But you are here with

your minds already made up. But I want to say to you this: statement save that of the Jordan claim, which has no relation to me, is disproven by the facts or contradicted by me, and I defy any man anywhere, and all comers, to disprove it. But whether you believe it or not is up to you. But I want to tell you this: That unless I am mistaken there are men in the state of Oregon enough who do not come with this spirit to say that the Democratic Royal Family shall not longer fill the offices of this state. (Cries of "Hurrah for Booth! Applause and cheers.) Not One New Provision.

Now a word more, Just a word more

There is an inference in what the governor says that the provisions in the land grants were known by every woman and child in Oregon. Let's see what the facts are that are public in this city. Congress passed a bill that all those who had acted in good fann in the purchase of railroad lands might repurchase them from the government. While the case was at issue n this city the evidence was taken and all of the officers of our company and those who previously had been officers, swore to the facts as to the purchase, not of this particular tract of land but every acre, dwn to the lasm 40 that we owned, and every one of them swore that they did not know that proision, and it goes without saying that f it had been known, if it had been a matter of record, that anyone might have seen, then, fellow "lzens, the ands would have never been sold. But in 1883, over 30 years ago, I purchased lands from that same grant to start a sawmill, and hundreds of people in Oregon have purchased it since What was decided by the highest court purpose of speculation; that I have of the country ? That we had acted in good faith and therefore we purchased the lands again. That is what the record shows. 'We connived! How? How did we connive about that railroad? We bound ourselves to give the ties and the and Hall streets.

the forest, but we outld not buy the timber and it is a matter of record, until we signed a contract to do that vestment company. and shipped 2500 carloads of lumber the first year, and to continue it. Never Had Secret Bate.

to get the railroad company to change their minds, if the government's statement is true, to again develop Oregon is used independently.

timber enough so that the amount that we have brought into the state is many times more than during the same time has been (ontributed by the national government to this state, Does Gilbert ordered not less than 700 names that look like we are connivers to rob drawn from nearby counties, but ex- the people of their birthright? Where would the people | ave been who have worked in our mr!? (Cries of "Ah"

"We were the First people in this country to do interstate shipment in this state, and stice we commenced hundreds of other mills have come, until millions of collars are coming

the records of the interstate commerce of Oregon testifie! in defense of the How about all that that 40 cent rate and the three ten rate. It was through were extended further east, and on those rates we have developed our business and other people in the country have enjoyed it. But what is the condition now? Three-fourths, over half, of the mills are closed; two of

> A voice (interripting): "It is just before election." (Laughter and applause). Canadian Bills Blamed. Mr. Booth: "Not just before elec-ion; just after jection, my fellow;

to be. Why? Besause-

just after the election that put the Democrats in po jer. That is what happened. The talls closed here because mills in landa are running. That is why they are not running here; that men was come from Canada preside over der destinies and fa-Albany speech? For this reason: vor their brethren there instead of their brethren here. The to be answered very soon. is your verdict soust be my verdict, statement or give

> A voice Mr. Booth: "All Voices: "Tell lands.

Mr. Booth: Judge Gilbert 118st; then I will tell you about it. Jidge Gilbert's decisplause and hisses). That is the kind ion was rendered on this supposition, of a frame up that was put up here. which every man has a right to believe "Now, men and women, it makes no or not, as you like That the La Rauts, difference to me whether or not you whom you see, that Mr. Dunbar, who There is the is our secretary, that Mr. George Kelly, who is our menager, and Mr. John Kelly and myself, swore falsely. If Mr. Booth: "And my name is not you want to believe that, believe it."

"Sigre." (Applause).
"There is no evidence A voice: Mr. Booth: to the contrary, Eexcept that of one girl. Is it any fronder, then, that in Mills There Before Eailroad. the face of what he did, that we got Mr. Booth: "You had as well convict anybody else in the audience; you not yet settled. It is on appeal to had as well convict the men who are the supreme cours of the United States had as well convict the men who are and a little later you will hear of it.

"Now as to the school lands. We have never, never, exploited the school lands and cought but very little, because our lands are around our mills in the frontage of the timber, and they were sold before we ever com-

menced operating. The same thing is true with the eyen sections, because they were nearest the railroad and of the most value. Value of the La Raut Claims.

"Now as to the values of the La

Raut claims. We purchased the body of land there from two men, some twelve or fourteen thousand acres. The claims that were taken by the La Hows, that you have heard were so valuable, while they bought the lands from the railross company there for five dollars and a quarter, were not considered worth taking. These claims on the borders were worth less, It was a holding peoposition, and all of the testimony safe that of a girl that says that she hard her mother make certain statements, not that I had made to her, but came from some other source, that they were going to out the record shows, the testimony shows, that the lands belonged to the can Rauts and that is my statement to you tonight. Wait a while and see weat the supreme court says. But it is the sworn testimony (Hisses of seven people, only one contradicting it. Bulieve rbout it whatever you like." (Applause).

#### The meeting here ended. Women Would Have Hand in Managing

putting up to candidates for city and

Candidates Are Asked to State Posttion in Regard to Handling of Pris-A coterie of Partland club women is

county offices tho have jurisdiction over police and prison matters, the question: "If elected, are you willing to grant a non-gartisan, non-sectarian body of women the right of a voice in the management of women prisoners?" Mrs. Josephind R. Sharp, who is back of the movement stated yesterday that the clubs of the city are enthusiastic in their response with indorsements of the question. It is her idea to have a woman deputy sheriff and a branch jurisdiction of a woman. Indorsements so far have been made by the Political Science club, the Alberta Women's Improvement ward club and the Central W. C. T. U. Mrs. Sharp says other clubs are preparing to take ap the movement.

LAND TRADE IS

recently completed was the sale of 35 acres orchard in district, owned in to J. W. Shaffqrd, of Portland, for a reported consideration of \$17,000. part payment Mr. Shafford turned in his residence property at Fifteenth The orchard conright-of-way if they would build into sists of peaches, pears, apples, all of the standard valleties, and in bearing. The sale was made by the Stout In-

An engine has been invented which is driven by the vapor of heated mer-"We connived! Why? Apparently cury, which is condensed and used repeatedly, the heat given off by the condensation generating steam, which

Applause). "Mr. Jordan was one of those labor-

"Now listen. Jordan went on witness stand and testified that he was asked by a representative of the Booth-Kelly company to take this laim and they agreed to pay him \$100, and the Booth-Kelly Lumber company | the money? went to the land office where John Henry Booth, a brother of R. A. Booth, pany.'

land? The bookkeeper of the Booth- check that was?"

before our company was organized? I self, or has any firm, corporation, or ship 22, 1, I think. association any interest in the entry

named for; and he had a son working claim to this land since making your for the Booth-Kelly people, doing a litsworn statement, or have you directly the cruising, carrying compass, or or indirectly made any agreement or chain, or something in the cruising contract, in any way or manner, with outfit, and he had been up there when any person whomsoever, by which the they cruised these claims, because he title which you may acquire from the knew they wanted it; they were using government of the United States may him as a guide, and they wanted him to file on one for them. So Daniel H Brumbaugh tells his story. "'Do you make this entry in good the same time as these claims involved

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