

T. T. GEER'S RECORD ON STATE AND SCHOOL LANDS OF OREGON

Additional proof that T. T. Geer should not represent the state of Oregon in congress is furnished by a signed communication from J. A. Buckley in the Portland Sunday Oregonian, who reviews in a graphic manner Mr. Geer's record in relation to the school and state lands of Oregon.

It is well known that during the Geer administration as governor the state and school lands of Oregon suffered terribly from speculators, land sharks and timber corporations, and what the school children of the state lost then in actual land values can never be replaced or recovered.

Mr. Buckley, who is familiar with conditions of that administration, writes as follows to the Sunday Oregonian:

Portland, Ore., April 4.—(To the Editor.)—T. T. Geer is now seeking the nomination to congress. There is no good reason why he should be sent there. There are good reasons why he should not be permitted to represent this state—a state that selected him as its governor, and while such, permitted a land-king to graft it of its public lands to a finish. He has made the claim that he sold the lands according to law. Here is what the law says: "The governor may appoint agents * * * and lands selected shall not be sold for less than \$2.50 per acre * * * May sell any of lands to highest bidder." He appointed agents. They did not select lands for the state as should have been done, but selected or applied to United States Land office for the base holder, for him alone; state had sold his interest when base was sold; in fact, he did not comply with the law to sell to the highest bidder or select the same for the state.

I assert that the land board should not have sold base, should not have allowed others to hunt base, but should have had officers to examine the boards, books, and for all base found, select lands for the state, then sell to highest bidder, if sold at all.

Parties who looked up base had to go to the books of the State Land office for their information. Why could not the land agent do so? Oswald West did it. A ruling of the board is law; it was so decided by Judge Boise, and I know of no decision to the contrary.

During Mr. Geer's term of office, the land board sold 153,000 acres of base. On page 4 of Odell's pamphlet, he says as follows: "And there has been no time within the last four years when the state land agent could have made selections of 50,000 or 100,000 acres of good timber land upon any base he had or they could have had." This was during Mr. Geer's term of office, for the pamphlet was published after the investigation by the legislature. They were not confined to Oregon, Oregon Cascade reserve lie, was in fact scrip, and locatable in either state. Hyde and Benson located about 40,000 acres of Oregon school land base in the state of Washington, and 5760 acres in township 11 N. 6 W. It is now worth \$150 per acre. Another lot was located in township 7 N. 3 W. on Kalamia river; 20,000 acres was located in townships 6 N. 5 E., 7 N. 5 E., 7 N. 6 E., and 8 N. 6 E. Lewis river district, and a large amount of it was located on unsurveyed land.

I do not assert that this was located during Geer's term of office but it shows what could have been done, and also will show that lie sold by the board for \$2.50 per acre accomplished the same purpose that Northern Pacific scrip did. But the Northern Pacific Railroad company was locating this scrip in Oregon—105,000 acres in the Oregon City and Roseburg Land offices. The Southern Pacific scrip was selling for \$5.50 and users of it located lands in the same townships that state lie was located in, and sold by the state for \$2.50, and sold by Odell and others for \$4.50. Here is a difference of \$2 for the lie land base hunters. What a nice fund that would make to look up base with.

And still Mr. Geer claims to have done his duty.

On the east side of the Willamette valley in Oregon City land district, the Northern Pacific Railroad company located over 70,000 acres, to say nothing about that part in Roseburg land district, all in sight from the dome of the capitol at Salem. I could give a detailed list of amounts in the different townships. I was sent for as a witness in the investigation of the Geers. I was asked if I could locate 100,000 acres in lie. I said "Yes." Inside of 10 months there was located in eastern Oregon, chiefly, over 150,000 acres of scrip.

One party located over 70,000 acres of Arizona scrip. Bear in mind that this scrip was worth \$5.50 and better June 6, 1900; there were 5880 acres in townships 7 S. 8 W. filed upon by the N. P. R. Co. Next day, June 7, there was filed in townships 20 and 21 south, range 11 east, 6517 acres, with Klamath Indian Reserve base.

Some time later I wrote Governor Geer and criticized him for this filing and also about the way the land board accepted filings. He informed me that I had made a mistake in the townships and that all that had been sold outside of school sections was 40 acres. He asserted that he had looked it up. I wrote the register of the land office at The Dalles, and the latter informed me that 6517 acres had been filed in those townships.

This will show that Mr. Geer does a lot of queer work, for the records will not help him out. Had Mr. Geer done his duty to the people of Oregon, he could have got lands enough in Oregon City and Roseburg land districts that would have been worth at the least calculation \$10,000,000. He could have located the greater part of his 153,000 acres in the Willamette valley. Had he made an effort to do his duty, he would not

have to ask a nomination for congress, for the people of this state would have made him senator without asking for it.

Mr. Geer had an example before him in the state of Washington. That state sells no lands for less than \$10 per acre, except State Capitol lands, and all lands must be sold to the highest bidder.

We have in this state a school fund of about \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000, while about all these lands are sold. What Washington has to show in the value of her public lands goes close on to \$50,000,000; 15,000 acres of land in the Nehalem brought to the school fund a little over \$19,000,000; 480 acres back of Skamokawa brought to the school fund of state of Washington \$15,000, bought by bankers of this city.

I can see no reason why this Mr. Geer, who failed to protect the inheritance left to little children by a generous government, should be sent to mix with the agents of Standard Oil and Harriman. Our representative now there has done his duty while there. Why should he not have another term.

J. A. BUCKLEY.

STATEMENT NO. 1 ORGANIZED. Sentiment for Popular Election of Senators is Strong.

Candidates on the Statement No. 1 ticket have organized themselves for the primary contest and have mapped out a line of action, says a Portland paper. They have raised their own campaign fund among themselves elected a managing committee and have settled down to business.

The candidates met a few evenings ago and pooled together to raise money for the fight. They agreed to depend exclusively on their own resources and raised \$1000. This money is to be used for advertising the Statement No. 1 ticket and mailing a circular letter to the Republican voters of Multnomah county. The letter has been drafted by Ben Selling, with the co-operation of others on the ticket with him.

A managing committee of three has been selected. This is composed of Ben Selling, George. Orton and Charles H. Merrick, neither of the latter being candidates. All business of the campaign will be carried out by this committee, which will hold nightly meetings until the primary votes are counted.

Thomas McCusker, who assembled the Statement No. 1 candidates originally and launched the ticket, ends his participation in the campaign today. This evening McCusker leaves for New York, where he will remain on private business for a month. At the headquarters of the Statement Republicans there is a strong spirit of confidence in the outcome, and the members of the legislative ticket believe that they will carry Multnomah county by a snug vote. Reports which have been received at headquarters are of a character which infuse hope and apparently assure success.

SALEM'S BUILDING BOOM.

Board of Trade Lists New Houses to Be Erected This Year.

Salem has inaugurated a genuine building boom this spring by soliciting business men to erect dwellings and the Salem Journal says of the plan:

The action taken at the recent meeting of the board of trade, appointing a committee to canvass the town to secure the building of houses is an important one, and the work is progressing favorably. The committee wishes to appeal to every property owner and resident of Salem to secure the building of houses as rapidly as possible, and any one having a lot or desiring to build a house would do well to confer with the secretary.

Many of our best business people are coming to the surface with propositions to put up houses, and the committee is meeting with splendid success.

Mr. Spaulding, manager of the sawmills, says he is prepared to put up several immediately. J. H. Albert of the Capital National bank, will also give the matter a lift. F. M. Brown, of the Sash & Door factory, is ready to do his part.

C. H. Hinges expects to begin a new up-to-date cottage for rent very soon. G. W. ohnson, the clothier, offers to furnish any one with a lot and the material if they will build the house and give a reasonable length of time to pay for the same on the installment plan. He has 50 lots in west Salem and 22 lots in one of the additions to Salem proper, and he is willing to furnish all these lots, and in many instances building material, to people who wish to build a home on the installment plan.

F. W. Steusloff is prepared to put up several houses. G. F. Kurtz is also in line for a few houses to rent, and a number of professional people and retired business men are ready to do their part.

Salem has very few vacant houses at present, and the demand is great. Everybody is glad that the houses of the town are filled up, at the same time with scores of new families

Political Information.
Registration opens for primaries, January 6.
Closes for election, April 7.
Primary election April 17.
Registration reopens, April 21.
Close for election, May 15.
General election, June 1.
Registration reopens, September 20.
Close for election, October 20.
Presidential election, November 3.

coming in it is almost as bad to have too few vacant houses as too many. Persons interested in building houses or renting houses will do well to call at the board of trade rooms for further information on this subject.

IN PRAISE OF MARKET DAY.

Rural Spirit Reviews History of Past Public Sales.

In praise of the market days started first in the inland empire by Pendleton, the Rural Spirit says:

The "market day" system seems to be growing in popularity very rapidly on the Pacific coast and we believe its advent will be beneficial to the farmer and merchant alike.

The institution is not a creation of the present day and age, by any means. Centuries ago our ancestors met in the public square to trade and barter on a stated day. The practice has always been maintained in certain countries, and in taking it up now we are simply adopting into our economic life an institution handed down to us by others. No difference, however, if it fits in to our advantage.

Pendleton, we believe, was the first to hold a market day in Oregon and they were so well pleased with the trial that it has become permanent with them Baker City, Freewater, Eugene, Ashland, Caldwell, Idaho, and others have taken up the plan with like success. The proposition is that on a stated day the buyer and the seller come from far and near to the appointed town.

The market day never fails to bring a crowd. One farmer has a few fat steers to dispose of, another, a second-hand plow, and another comes with a load of garden truck. One man comes to buy a work horse, another has need of a few bales of hay and so they all meet with a good prospect of disposing of what they don't want or of purchasing on the open market what they have need for. Money changes hands and the merchant has a record breaking day.

The question has its social side as well as its economic. The day when everybody goes to town would be a great day not only for the farmer himself, but for his wife and children.

This is a matter of no small importance for one of the unattractive features of rural life is the scant opportunity for social mingling which it furnishes, and any institution which tends to remedy this feature and make the life of the family on the farm brighter, happier and more inviting is an institution that deserves encouragement.

TO PUSH EXTENSION WORK.

Business Man of La Grande Leads of Harriman's Plans at Wallowa.

A business man of this city, who has just returned from Portland, states that in an interview with General Manager J. P. O'Brien of the O. R. & N., it was stated that Mr. Harriman had ordered prompt resumption of work on the extension in Kallawa county, says a La Grande item.

Those who are familiar with the condition of the ground in the Wallowa country state that it would not be practical to resume work of active construction there until the weather settles. While there may be some truth in this and the fact that orders have been sent down the line to resume work is taken to mean that the company means what it says and that in a very few days a force of men will be sent to the branch road with orders to finish it.

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Concurrence in the views of others is seldom governed by unbiased opinion, and one cannot add strength to another's weakness by endorsing it.

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Announcements of Candidates

Candidate for re-nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE.
C. A. Barrett
(Present incumbent.)

Candidate for the nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE.
L. L. Mann

I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.
C. W. Steen

For Umatilla and Morrow counties. Candidate for the nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE.
T. J. Mahoney

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C. C. LOUCKS

I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for re-election as district attorney, sixth judicial district, subject to the action of the Republican voters at the coming primary election, April 17, 1908.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.
G. W. Phelps

I hereby announce my candidacy for the re-nomination, at the primary election to be held April 17, 1908, for sheriff.

FOR SHERIFF.
T. D. Taylor
(Present incumbent.)

Candidate for re-nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR COUNTY CLERK.
Frank Saling
(Present incumbent.)

Candidate for re-nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.
Geo. W. Bradley
(Present incumbent.)

Candidate for re-nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.
Horace Walker
(Present incumbent.)

Candidate for the nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.
A. H. Sunderman

I hereby announce my candidacy for the Democratic nomination, at the coming primary election, to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.
J. Hudemann

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the approval of the people at the primaries, April 17.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.
Joe Bailey

I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination by the democratic party, at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR COUNTY RECORDER.
John Q. Peebler

Candidate for re-nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.
Frank K. Welles
(Present incumbent.)

Candidate for re-nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

RECORDED OF CONVEYANCES.
Fred W. Hendley
(Present incumbent.)

Candidate for the nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR COUNTY RECORDER.
Chas. E. Macomber

Candidate for re-nomination by the Republican party at the coming primary election to be held April 17, 1908.

FOR COUNTY CORONER.
Ralph Folsom
(Present incumbent.)

Hereby announces his candidacy for the nomination of

COUNTY CORONER, at the Republican primary election, to be held April 17, 1908.

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