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Work for the Next Congress.

It is an old proverb, "Who owns the land will rule the country." The wisdom of this proverb, says the Chronicle, was overlooked by the several congresses that granted away 200,000,000 acres of the national domain to railroad corporations, for in so doing they virtually abdicated the government of the country in favor of the grantees; and as if this were not enough the grants were worded in such a slovenly way as to deprive the states and territories in which they are located of the power to tax them. It is reported that, on account of the efforts of the Central and Union Pacific companies to evade the obligations of the Thurman act of May, 1878, a number of senators have announced their intention to move in the next congress for such amendments of that act as will make its provisions more stringent and more certainly insure a sinking fund sufficient for the payment of the bonds, principal and interest, loaned by the United States to these corporations. That is very good so far as it goes, but the assurance of payment of the bonded debt is a small matter comparatively to the additional legislation demanded in relation to the land grants. If congress can alter or amend those parts of the charter of one of these subsidized companies relating to the payments to be made upon the loan, it has exactly the same power to alter the terms of the land grant, so far as the unpatented parts are concerned. Every one of these charters contains the provision that "Congress may at any time alter, modify or repeal the same." It was this saving clause that passed the Thurman Act through the House by a vote of but two negatives out of more than 230 members voting, and by an overwhelming majority in the Senate. The arguments in favor of "vested rights" and the sacredness of the obligation of a contract were all in vain, as against the specific reservation in the charter of the right and power of Congress to alter, modify or repeal. This reservation became quite as much a part of the contract as the loan of bonds or the grant of land. And when the act was tested in the Supreme Court, that tribunal so held, but one of the Justices—Field of California, who got his place through Central Pacific assistance—being of a contrary opinion. Since then the Court has been reconstructed. Among the new justices are Grey, of Massachusetts, Blatchford, of New York, Woods of Georgia and Mathews, of Ohio. The full court contains nine judges, including the chief-justice. If all the new appointees should concur in the opinion with Field, a similar case being presented to the court, it would be decided that the Thurman act is unconstitutional. But there is no good reason for the belief that any other of the new justices than Stanley Mathews would concur with Field. The reason for supposing that he would is founded on his argument as a senator from Ohio in the discussion of the principles of that Act, in which he took the same view that Field took in his dissenting opinion as a justice of the court. It is public opinion that, on a rehearing of the case, or on a hearing of another case involving the same principles of law, the court would, as now constituted, decide as before—in favor of the constitutionality of the Act.

And this brings us to the text of this article—"Work for the Next Congress." The work we mean is the amendment of the land-grant charters, so that the grantees may be compelled to pay at once the expenses of surveying the grants and take out patents for the same, that the states and territories may be enabled to tax the land. Another needful amendment is this: Whenever in the original charter there is anything in the grant obscure or ambiguous, to alter it so that it shall be made plain and unambiguous. On account of one of these obscurities in the charter of the Central Pacific, that corporation has been enabled by a gross fraud to sell its unsold lands after three years from the completion of the road to a syndicate substantially composed

of its own directors, the original grantees—that is, to sell to itself. This is so manifestly inconsistent with the intent of the grant that it only requires to be presented to the court in proper shape to work forfeiture of those parts of the grant which remained unsold three years after the completion of the road. The Supreme Court has decided that such a sale in lump might be made under the wording of the original charter, which was ambiguous; but it has also decided that Congress may alter, or amend, or repeal the original charter. This is the amendment which should engage the attention of the next Congress. It will be easy to show that the sale was a fraud and that, in fact, nothing was sold. It will be pleaded that right to the land so fraudulently transferred vested in second hands, and is therefore, unassailable by further legislation. But fraud vitiates everything in law. And as to the bona fide individual purchasers from the fraudulent syndicates, the amendment should be so drawn up as to protect their interest.

These land grant corporations have so far proved themselves a power within the state greater than the state, and if they are permitted to hold all the land granted to them on terms of their own construction, free from taxation, it must be clear to all that their power will be increased hereafter just about in proportion to the increase in value of the land. It is in the power of Congress to take from them all the land not sold in good faith within three years after the completion of the road. The decision of the Supreme Court recognizing their right to sell en bloc does not touch this power of Congress; first, because the question of fraud was not in the case presented, and, second, because Congress, with a due regard to public policy, may at any time alter or amend or repeal the original charter, as well with relation to the land grant as to any other part of it.

Portland is feeling the necessity of a free river, but it is only a short time ago, says The Dalles Times-Mountaineer, that her leading newspaper proclaimed that the carrying trade would be done in the future by rail. When she sees a possibility of the traffic of the Willamette valley passing through her streets on its way to seaboard, she can join Eastern Oregon in demanding an open river. How much depends upon whose bovine is gored.

W. H. VANDERBILT, the richest man in America, has turned over the control of his business to his sons and will take life easy.

The Hon. J. G. Fair, of Nevada, whom a purchased Democratic legislature sent to the U. S. senate, is being sued for divorce by his wife.

NEW TO-DAY

Bids WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE UNDER-SHERIFF, until Saturday noon, May 12th, for filling with earth the basement of the Odd Fellows Hall.

YOU ARE INVITED AND REQUESTED to meet with your wives and families at the Granger Hotel, on Youngs River, on Saturday, May 12th, at two P. M., to listen to address of the Oregon State Lecturer, to be given on that occasion, and if thought desirable, organize the Clatsop Granges.

LUMBER. ORDERS FOR LUMBER RECEIVED AND promptly filled by the Columbia Mills, Knappton. Prices on application to desks. C. W. STONE, Supl.

Lost. YESTERDAY MORNING, ABOUT 100 fathoms net, 45 mesh, 12-ply, A. H. on cork, 1 buoy with 2 lines thereon. Finder will please leave it at office of White Star Packing Co., and be rewarded. 8-2

Notice. BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE of the Clerk of School District No. 1, Clatsop county, Ore., on Tuesday, May 15, 1888, at 10 o'clock, for bonds of said district, amounting to \$25,000. Said bonds will be in denominations of one thousand dollars each, to run for 10 years, interest thereon to be paid annually upon presentation of interest coupon. Not less than \$5,000 to be taken by any one person. Bidders will if thought desirable, communicate with the undersigned, stating amount bid for, terms, rate, &c.

FOR TILLAMOOK. THE STEAMER GEN. MILES, OF THE I. S. N. Co., will sail from Gray's Dock, for TILLAMOOK, On FRIDAY, May 11, at 6 A. M. J. H. D. GRAY, Agent.

Lost. ON PEACOCK BEIT ON MAY SEVENTH, 1888, 150 fathoms 45 mesh net, Barbour's 4 1/2 ft. mesh, marked O. C. Co. The finder will be suitably rewarded by returning the same to Ocean Cannery Co., racks at Knappton. 8-2

For Sale. LOTS, BLOCK 101; LOT 6, BLOCK 102; LOT 3, BK 148; LOT 1, BK 20; LOTS 3 & 4, BK 27; LOT 2, BK 101; LOT 8 BK 13; LOT 2, BK 124; LOTS 5 & 6, BK 147; LOT 7, BK 147; LOTS 5 & 6, BK 144; McCune, Lots 7 & 8, BK 80, and Lots 2, BK 80, BK 91, Staveley, and part of BK 2, Foster & Allen's add. And divers lots in other parts of the city, besides outside lands in Oregon and Washington Territory. License to sell or building to rent in good business location. BOZORTH & JOHNS.

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Notice. IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THERE WILL be a meeting of the (W. T.) Board of Pilot Commissioners for Columbia River and Bar, at Ilwaco, W. T., on Saturday, May 12th, 1888. Sec. of W. T. Board of Pilot Commissioners for Col. River and Bar. Dated, Ilwaco, May 1st, 1888.

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