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THE ASTORIA LAND GRANT.
Senatorial Discussion Concerning its Forfeiture.
In the senate on the 11th consideration of the Oregon Central land forfeiture bill was resumed. An amendment of Dolph's was agreed to, providing that all settlers in good faith on lands forfeited, who are otherwise qualified, shall be entitled to preference in the right to enter lands in accordance with the homestead or pre-emption laws, and shall be regarded as having legally settled such lands from the date of settlement; and in case such settler be not so entitled under the existing laws, he should be permitted, within a year, to purchase not to exceed 120 acres at \$1.25; and reducing to \$1.25 the price of every number of sections along the line of the uncompleted portion of the road.
An amendment offered by Plumb was agreed to a vote of 33 to 11, repealing the act of March 3, 1875, which allowed settlers of railroad lands subsequently forfeited to locate an amount equal to the original entry, without additional cost.
Sherman, in some remarks favoring this, said the land was open to homestead entry, which was enough. It would not do to permit speculators to get a hold on these lands and hold them from settlement. He (Sherman) would favor in the bill the repeal of the pre-emption laws. They had long outlived their usefulness.
Morgan inquired of Dolph whether there were any other parties affected by forfeiture than the United States government and the railroad company. Slater did not think there were. He believed there had been no effort made by the company to sell lands.
Dolph believed there was a mortgage, and perhaps a deed of trust, which embraced in their descriptions all the lands of the company, both earned and unearned, but supposed that the grantees of the land grant, made upon "conditions subsequent," could only take or mortgage such rights as existed, and if the conditions had not been performed there could have existed no right which a mortgage could take. There were no questions involved, Dolph said, that would not be fairly and equitably settled by the provisions of the bill.
Morgan had understood, in the committee, that there were no mortgages or incumbrance, or that anybody's rights were affected, except those of the company and the government. If mortgages existed on the lands of the company, the matter should be looked into, and the rights of all parties affected ascertained. It might be that the mortgagee's rights covered a right to take lands and build the uncompleted portion of the road. He moved to recommit the bill to the committee on public lands, for further consideration.
Blair supported the motion. Though a member of the committee, he did not know until this morning that a mortgage existed on the lands. Dolph said he had made, in the committee, the statement just made by him.
Morgan remarked that he had not heard it, and inquired of Slater when he (Slater) had first heard it. Slater replied that he was not sure of having heard it before this morning, but thought the bill protected the rights of all, as it stood.
Van Wyck said that after day after, until midnight, the attorneys of these railroad companies appeared before the committee and made every conceivable objection to these forfeitures. Everybody knew that every land grant railroad company had put a mortgage on its entire grant, and it could have been safely assumed from the beginning that this company had followed that course. If Morgan's position was correct, Van Wyck figured that not only would every mortgage have to be heard, but every judgment creditor, too.
Morgan thought the bill should provide a complete method of setting before the courts of all questions of rights that may be involved, as has been done with the Atlantic and Pacific forfeiture bill. He insisted on his motion for recommitment. He expected to vote for forfeiture, as he had voted for the Atlantic and Pacific forfeiture, and he expected to vote for the Texas and Pacific forfeiture, but he wanted to see carefully provided for the rights of mortgagees, settlers and innocent people who bought the bonds of land grant roads.
After a further debate the bill, at 2 o'clock, had to yield to the unfinished business of yesterday, being the bill providing for the admission of Dakota.

Somebody has set his wits at work to devise a new name for incendiary, or arson, when committed by people rich enough to hire lawyers to defend them. It is called pyromania—a mania for setting things on fire. Just as a poor ragged devil full of liquor is called a drunkard, while a man who can employ a doctor instead of a policeman to take care of him is called a dipsomaniac, and a poor girl who steals is a thief, but a richer one a kleptomaniac; so now we shall have incendiaries and "pyromaniacs." But will it cut down the annual destruction of \$100,000,000?

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BAYARD AND THE CABINET.
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What followed is a matter of history. An Inter-Ocean New York special says: A man very close to the Payne-McLean faction said here to-night: "Tilden the president-elect is indebted for both his nomination and election. It was Tilden whose name was kept before the country as a candidate, behind whom the Cleveland forces were formed; it was the old Tilden crowd who got Cleveland's nomination through; as was Tilden's counsel that was sought on all doubtful questions of campaign policy; it was Tilden's money that was poured into the campaign, free from embarrassment. Now Tilden hates Bayard with an intensity born of disappointment. He has always believed that Bayard and Thurman permitted him to be counted out in the electoral commission matter. He knifed them both in the conventions of 1873 and 1874. He will be no more forgiving now and will keep them both out of the cabinet."
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