

GOV. CHAMBERLAIN AND THE LEGISLATURE

The arraignment of the legislature by Governor Chamberlain in connection with his veto of the Normal School bills has caused widespread interest and discussion.

The governor compares Davey's action to that of the Praetorian guards of Rome in auctioning off the government of the Roman empire. He says the legislature traded on the normal vote and showed cowardice. In the beginning of his message he says:

"My position with reference to appropriations for educational institutions since my first inauguration in 1903 has been pretty well understood. They should always be separate and distinct bills. Evidence of the fact that the distinguished members of the present legislature understood these views is afforded by the resolution adopted by both branches in the early days of the session, that appropriations for the maintenance and support of the state institution should be separate bills. Notwithstanding this affirmative action and the fact that in the case of every other bill appropriating moneys, the educational institutions of the state have been separated, the legislature in this instance combined Monmouth and Drain in one appropriation bill after a prolonged siege of trading votes on other measures, and after other performances which have been thoroughly discreditable to those who have taken part therein.

"The resolution referred to reflects not only my own views on the subject of these bills and the views of the people of the whole state, but reflects as well those of a majority of the members of this body, otherwise, it would not have been adopted. What then was the purpose of the omnibus appropriation in this case? It may have been brought about by cowardice which I regret to say, a majority of this body have shown in reference to the whole normal school system. It may be the result of the persistent efforts of this same distinguished majority to desire to test the sincerity of the executive with reference to such appropriation bills and the normal school system generally, and who have openly boasted their purpose to 'put the executive of the state in a hole,' (whatever that may mean) because, forsooth, he has the misfortune to differ from them politically. If the enactment of the law under consideration resulted from any of these unworthy and unpatriotic motives, it is time to call a halt on such high-handed, outrageous procedure.

"There is no question in the mind of any that there is a public demand for reducing the number of the normal schools to two. It was the duty of the legislature to select two and abolish two, but it failed by slight majorities, utterly to do its duty, resorting first to one subterfuge then to another to cover its disgraceful retreat. Now by their

vacillating policy they place upon me the responsibility, not of settling the question, but of vetoing the measure, which they well knew or ought to have known I must veto in order to be consistent and at the same time do my duty toward the taxpayers of the state. I accept the responsibility and the duty, though my course will not settle the question, and neither will appeals based on sentiment, nor threats can deter me."

Governor Chamberlain then turns his guns on Speaker Davey and gives him a broadside. The executive says in his arraignment of the speaker:

"There is another reason which impels me to veto the bill under consideration, and that is my firm conviction it has not become a law because of the unusual, unparliamentary and, I may say, unlawful course adopted by the very distinguished presiding officer of the house the evening before adjournment and the next morning, when the bill was finally disposed of.

"I have not examined the house journal, but I assume that it will speak the truth, and, if it does, it will appear that the distinguished speaker declared on the evening of February 23 that the bill had passed, when in fact it had not passed; that the next morning when the house convened he stated that he had announced that the bill had passed the evening before, when in fact it had not passed. Then, on his own motion, he ordered a roll-call for the purpose of checking the negative votes, no member answering to his name until King of Malheur was reached, and King, when his name was called, changed his vote of no, cast the evening before, to yes and without proceeding farther down the roll the speaker declared the bill passed a second time. I am of the opinion that these irregularities would invalidate the measure even if it were not vetoed by me."

The governor then quotes the news account of the passage of the bill published in Davey's own paper at Salem, picturing Davey standing with gavel upraised and calling for affirmative votes to pass the bill, and the governor then proceeds:

"It will thus be seen that the proceedings of the house partook somewhat of those of an auction sale and the rights of the people were struck off under the hammer to those producing the greatest number of votes. There certainly is no precedent for this in Oregon and I know of no parallel in history except that instanced by Gibbon in 'The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire,' where the Praetorian guards, growing insolent from excess of military license, ran upon the ramparts, proclaimed the Roman world for sale and struck off the right and privilege of presiding over the public auction to the highest bidder."

in summer following. Fascinated with the scene I watched the slowly sinking process throughout the day. It was something I shall never forget."

Mr. Rice says that part of the land is owned by Dick Steen and the remainder is on the old Cap Lewis ranch. The scene of the peculiar occurrence is about 21 miles above Lewiston. The country in that section is of a peculiar geographical construction. Immense deposits of lime have been discovered in the vicinity of the slip and the fallen ground lies between a strata of lime stone and one of basalt. It is the theory among the residents of that section that there is an immense underground cave and that the unusual amount of moisture of the past winter is responsible for the disturbance.

Mr. Rice says that the sinking earth left the sides of the cavity almost precipitous. No stock happened to be grazing on the particular spot at the time and there was no loss of life.

RAILROADS SHOW FIGHT.

It begins to look as if Oregon will be bottled up tighter than ever by the railroad system that controls this territory completely. Instead of going slow and making some concessions because of the agitation for remedial legislation, the railroad management shows a disposition to fight to a finish all attempts of the people to secure better service and more reasonable rates.

This disposition to fight is shown in the announcement, coincident with the opening of the legislative session, of a most radical raise in freight rates in western Oregon, including, among other commodities, our most important export product, lumber. The arrogant attitude and language of Chief Counsel Cotton of the Harriman system, and bringing of influence to bear that has swung Oregon's largest newspaper, the Oregonian, back into line as an advocate of railroad interests and an opponent of a railroad commission and free Willamette locks, may also be construed as signs of the program of resistance mapped out by the big corporation.

There are, furthermore, good reasons for surmising that the proposed extensions in western Oregon, viz., the Drain-Coos Bay and the Natron-Klamath branches, are to be abandoned.

This situation is really alarming, and proves how strong is the grip of the railroads upon the country and how difficult is the task of breaking the throttle hold they have upon our growing industries. To western Oregon it leaves but one distant prospect of relief—that of securing in course of time by aid of congress the opening to free navigation of the Willamette river as far as Eugene. To this end every industrial interest of the Willamette valley should bend all their energies.

HE DIDN'T HAVE TO.

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"We do," they promptly shouted, "The white slaves of the land." But he never asked: "Who paid for it?" He didn't have to—understand.

Who built the great huge battleship, And costly palace car, Who built the mansion of the rich, The ambulance, without jar?"

"We did," they promptly shouted, "With our steady, toiling hand." But he never asked: "Who paid for it?" He didn't have to—understand.

"Who built the railroad of the land, And balloon to sail the sky, Who built the speedy automobile, The coffin, when we die!"

"We did," they promptly shouted, "We, of 'blue label' brand." But he never asked: "Who paid for it?" He didn't have to—understand.

"Who rebuilt Galveston, Texas, And blasted out Hell Gate, Who built the New York subway, And made Pittsburg great?"

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The following account of a very remarkable geological disturbance 21 miles from Lewiston, Idaho, is taken from the Tribune of that place:

With a roar that startled residents from their slumbers and caused cold beads of perspiration to stand out from their bodies, 80 acres of pasture land, three miles from the mouth of the Grand Ronde river, sank 150 feet below the surface of the ground last Thursday night. The almost indescribable noise lasted for several minutes as the millions of tons of earth shot downward. All day Friday it continued to sink slowly as if a subterranean cavern was swallowing in the grass covered acres. Twisted and overturned by the action of the slip, the surface of the detached tract now resembles a summerfallow field.

Fred Rice, the well known Grand Ronde rancher, who was in the city yesterday, brought the first news to the city. When seen yesterday he said:

"I was awakened from my sleep by a slight, peculiar rumbling sound which seemed to proceed from the river. In a moment I was at the door curious to know the cause and as I opened it a terrific, almost indescribable noise rang in my ears. The terrible successive crashes almost deafened me. Then the sounds died away. Think of 10,000 loose wagons running at full speed over a rough frozen road, and you might gain an inkling of what it was like. Determined to make an investigation as soon as day broke, I returned to bed but not to sleep.

"Bright and early Friday morning I began my search for the cause of the previous night's discomfiture. Others who passed through similar experiences were doing the same. It was not hard to locate it. An oblong hole a quarter of a mile wide and a half mile in length awed us. Fully 150 feet below the surface was a tract of ground that for the world looked like an industrious farmer had been busily engaged

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