

SCORES PLAN TO PAY GORE

ANDERSON STATES NO REIMBURSEMENT WAS TALKED.

Sees Pork Barrell

Medford Business Man Speaks Strongly Against Proposal to Give Chairman of Lobby Big Share of County Receipts.

Portland Oregon Journal Medford, Oct. 8.—Bert Anderson, local business man and Republican politician, was quoted in a one and one half column newspaper article here Friday as decrying the movement fostered by the Jackson county court, and acquiesced in by William H. Gore, to reimburse the latter with one per cent received from the government by 18 Oregon counties for his service as a lobbyist in effecting passage of the bill.

Anderson states that when the \$15,000 fund to defray the expenses of a lobby committee at Washington was provided by the timber counties no understanding was had at that time that Gore or any other member of the committee was to receive any additional reward if the passage of the pending refund bill proved successful.

Scores Proposal.

In commenting on a press dispatch from Grants Pass stating that the Josephine court had been asked by the Jackson county court to make payment to Gore, Anderson said:

"I have been in the movement for the recovery of these Oregon & California land grant taxes from the beginning and this dispatch made me almost doubt there was such a thing as honor, integrity and unselfish public service left in the world, for I know that the Hon. W. H. Gore, nor no other living man was entitled to a single dollar of that recovered tax money, every red cent of which should be dedicated to the relief of the sorely pressed tax payers of these 18 counties."

Sees Pork Barrel.

Taking cognizance of the recent action of the Jackson county court in passing a resolution to pay Gore 1 per cent for his service, Anderson says the "story of a pork barrel was brought down to the minute, and becomes an actuality, or almost so."

Anderson then proceeded to tell how and when this lobby committee was first formulated and also extended some advice to the several counties affected in the following paragraphs:

"Now, lets get down to brass tacks. I, with others from Medford attended the convention in Roseburg where a definite plan was adopted looking to the recovery of these land grant taxes. After much discussion it was voted to send a strong delegation to Washington to give testimony before the public land committee of the senate and house and otherwise to promote and aid in every way possible Senator Stanfield and the rest of the Oregon delegation in the passage of this just and equitable tax relief measure.

No Pay Contemplated.

"At that convention I insisted that W. H. Gore be made chairman of this delegation, knowing that there was no man in the state quite so well qualified, by knowledge and experience, to lead the fight as he.

"Judge W. J. Hartzell, of the Jackson county court, was given the job of collecting the funds to finance the enterprise and this fund was to be ample for all necessary expenses. There was no understanding or agreement, intimation or suggestion that any commission or bonus or tribute above actual expenses were to be paid to anyone. On the contrary it was freely talked, even by Mr. Gore himself, that all 'slick' attorneys professional lobbyists and other light fingered gentry should be shooed away; that we had a just measure; that we knew our business, and we would go down to Washington and get the money ourselves.

"Now, my advice to county courts of these 8 counties is to be damned

careful about how this tax relief fund is handled. If they ever start to open a pork barrel every other member of the hand-picked convention that nominated Stanfield as an independent candidate at the Portland hotel may want a slice of this pork.

Just Lifted Lid.

"Now I have only lifted the lid an inch or two—just enough for you tax payers to get a peek at what is inside. There may be some other things inside that will interest you and if you want to get a good encompassing look you can take the lid clear off, for all I care.

"What I have written has been more in sorrow than anger. To find that your idols have feet of clay is terrible. How the mighty have fallen!"

Most people of Medford comment favorably upon the stand taken by Anderson in his article and very few support the action of the county court in passing the resolution to reward Gore with 1 per cent of the receipts from the tax funds. It is conceded that the committee's expenses and time should be paid.

Don't Be a Knocker.

My friend, don't be a bellyacher. Don't groan and moan every time things don't happen to go to suit you. If you keep it up a spell it will become chronic with you and then you will bellyache when you are not aware of it. The world wasn't made for you alone. It wasn't made exclusively for any person or set of people. This old world is not a cave of gloom. If you would keep your stomach in good order and smile occasionally instead of moaning you would soon get the habit. The days of the bellyacher are full of woe and nights bring no rest to his weary frame. His mind becomes feverish and fly-blown and he has bad dreams. He wakes up with a bad taste in his mouth and the singing of the birds grates harshly on his ears. The sweet fragrance of the springtime flowers goes against his stomach and his friends of other days pass him up on the street. The children romp and shout and it makes him sore. Fellows he doesn't like are elected to office and he gnashes his teeth and imagines the country has gone to the eternal bow-wows. But

all his troubles are imaginary. No one else has them. If he would stop his infernal bellyaching for just three days the world would take on a new purple hue and the people would begin to speak to him on the streets. Don't be a bellyacher.

—Osborne Farmer.

To the Point.

The young reporter was told to make his articles short and to the

point, so when he wrote up the death of a prominent citizen who died suddenly on the street, this is what he said: "The old guy was going along the street when suddenly he put his hands to his heart and said, 'I'm going to die!' Then he leaned against the fence and made good." —Altoona (Kans.) Tribune.

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