

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WHERE HE GOT IT

"WHERE did you get it?" This query was propounded to R. A. Booth, candidate of the Portland Oregonian for United States senator, by the Albany Democrat.

After months of deliberation, Mr. Booth has issued a 10,000-word explanation of how he got the wealth that constitutes his qualification for public office.

"The story of my life" is the prosaic recital of the frugal, thrifty youth with acquisitive faculties making the most of opportunity, constantly adding to savings, investing wisely and enlarging the field of operations as wealth accumulated—the tale of the village Rockefeller.

Mr. Booth in explaining how the Booth-Kelly Lumber company acquired its vast timber holdings, denies that property was secured by fraud or that he as manager was party to any fraudulent transactions. A case, however, is pending in the federal supreme court which flatly contradicts Mr. Booth's assertions.

Suit was brought to cancel five land patents to timber land owned by the Booth-Kelly company on the ground that they had been obtained by fraud. The federal circuit court of appeals held that the timber lands had been fraudulently secured, and ordered the patents cancelled.

The entries were made by Ethel LaRaut and Lucy LaRaut, sisters-in-law of Mr. Booth; Stephen LaRaut, Booth's brother-in-law; Alice LaRaut, and Edward Jordan, an employe of the Booth-Kelly company, who confessed that he had made the filing upon an understanding that the company would pay filing expenses and pay him a bonus of \$100 for turning over the land.

Mr. Booth asserts that he was actuated by the commendable purpose of aiding poor relations and that the transactions were within the law. The following are Mr. Booth's assertions and the findings of the federal court of appeals:

MR. BOOTH'S STATEMENT.

"The testimony in the case shows that Ethel LaRaut had asked me to aid her in finding and securing a timber claim. That after I had expressed a willingness to do so, she spoke also in behalf of her sister, Lucy, her brother Stephen and his wife; that I agreed with her for herself and the others that I would provide the money to obtain the claims, if any desirable ones could be found, and that I stated to her in case the company sold its lands that were adjacent to these claims we would sell them also, probably charging them a reasonable compensation therefor; that if we cut the timber from our adjacent lands, we would cut also the timber from theirs and pay them such price per thousand as it might then be worth.

"After final proof, deeds were made to me which I held as security for my guaranty. After the lands were patented, these deeds were returned and others taken in favor of our company, the books showing every item of cost in detail without any attempt of concealment. In fulfillment of this understanding, it is in evidence by my own testimony, that our company furnished the money under guaranty by me.

Federal Judge Gilbert, in his decision, cancelled the claims as fraudulent because the entrymen never saw the timber claims after making their entries; never attempted to dispose of the claims, although aware of the value of the timber; paid no part of the expenses of filing upon the claims; paid no taxes on the claims; that the Booth-Kelly Lumber company paid all the expenses of the entries and all taxes and charged these expenses and taxes to itself and not to the entrymen.

Mr. Booth's explanation of where he got it does not square with the facts in the case as presented by the United States court of appeals, which has clearly set forth the process whereby Mr. Booth got some of it.

U. S. COURT FINDINGS.

"The theory that R. A. Booth advanced the costs and expenses and purchase price for the entries in order to assist his relatives who were in poor circumstances, and that he thereafter advanced money to them for the same reason and took the deeds as security, is in evidence by certain significant facts that appear in the record.

"The entrymen of the claims in controversy never saw the lands, excepting at the time when they viewed them prior to making their entries, and it is admitted that they never made any effort to dispose of them, or the amount of timber thereon, and made no inquiry as to the expenses of the entries or the payment of taxes thereon, or assumed any control or ownership of the lands.

"In short, there is nothing in the books of the company to show that any of the La Rautes owed the lumber company or R. A. Booth at any time after their accounts were closed, or that the company paid out any moneys to their account or that the company held any of the conveyances as securities or that R. A. Booth guaranteed the repayment to the lumber company of the moneys which it had so advanced."

Geography of the War

(National Geographic society's War Primer.)

ST. QUENTIN—A city of northern France, 120 miles from Liege and 80 miles from Paris. It has a population of about 55,000 and stands on the right bank of the Somme river, at its junction with the canal which connects that river with the Scheldt and the Oise. The city is built on a slope with a southern exposure, and is the center of an industrial district which manufactures cotton and woolen fabrics, principally pique and window curtains. It also carries on spinning and preliminary processes, bleaching and finishing. Machine and hand-made embroidery is produced in large quantities and there are extensive establishments producing iron goods and machinery. St. Quentin dates back to ancient times, and in the early history of Europe was the crossroads of five military roads. It has had a long war history. During the Franco-Prussian war it repulsed the German attack at one time, and at another was the center of the great battle between the German forces under General Von Goeben and the French under General Fubherbe, the French being defeated.

BOULOGNE—A fortified seaport of northern France, 26 miles from Folkestone, England. It is situated on the shore of the English channel and has a population of about 55,000. The harbor of Boulogne is formed by the mouth of the Liane river. It has extensive docks and large inner port. The annual value of exports from Boulogne approximates \$60,000,000, and of the imports, \$40,000,000. Its fisheries annually produce \$5,000,000 worth of fish.

Boulogne has had a long military history. It is believed to have been the place where Julius Caesar assembled his fleet. Henry VIII took the town by siege in 1544, but it was restored to France in 1550.

CALAIS—An important port on the north coast of France and only 22 miles across the strait from Dover, England. Dover, in turn, is only 65 miles from London. Calais is 55 miles northwest of Lille. The population of the city is about 65,000. Formerly Calais was a celebrated fortress. It is now defended by four forts, none of which is of modern construction. It also has a citadel, built 350 years ago, and a few modern batteries. The old town stands on an island, hemmed in by the canal and the harbor basin, which divide it from the extensive manufacturing quarter of St. Pierre. The city is the principal port for the transcontinental passenger traffic with England, carried on by the Southeastern and Chatham and the Northern of France railways. The average number of passengers carried annually was upwards of 300,000 before the present war.

VISTULA RIVER—One of the chief rivers of Europe, rising in Austria, flowing through Russian Poland, by way of Warsaw, and crossing West Prussia from south to north, and having its mouth in the Gulf of Danzig. At Thorn, where it crosses the Russian-German frontier, there are heavy fortifications, as there are at many other points from the river to the gulf.

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SMALL VOTE CAST WASHINGTON PRINARIES

SEATTLE, Wn., Sept. 8.—Little interest is being taken in the state primary today and the vote promises to be small. Candidates for United States senate, five congress seats, three supreme judgeships, legislature and county offices are being chosen. When there are contests they are between men and not issues, and are of a personal nature. United States Senator Wesley L. Jones, Republican, is unopposed. Ex-United States Senator George Turner and Ex-Mayor George F. Cotterill of Seattle are striving for the democratic nomination. The three republican congressmen, Wm. E. Humphrey, Albert Johnson and William LaFollette expect re-nomination. Congressman James W. Bryan, progressive, has a strong opponent in Chief of Police Griffiths. Congressman John A. Facioner, progressive, does not seek re-nomination, but is contending with Ole Hansen for the senatorial nomination. Polls open at 11 a. m. and close at 8 p. m. The weather is generally rainy.

AMERICAN CARDINALS PLAN THEIR RETURN

ROME, Sept. 7, 8:10 p. m., via Paris, Sept. 8, 8:20 a. m.—Cardinal Gibbons leaves here Wednesday and will sail from Naples aboard the steamer Canopic with Cardinal O'Connell, escorting several hundred Americans, including two pieces of Representative Underwood of Alabama.

Cardinal Farley has already been received in farewell audience by Pope Benedict XV. He will not participate in the consistory of Tuesday, as he wishes to rest before his departure Wednesday morning for Naples. Cardinal Farley will sail for the United States on the steamer Santa Ana on September 14.

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ARIZONA VOTING UOPN STATE TICKET

PHOENIX, Ariz., Sept. 8.—Democrats, Progressives and Republicans sought the polls today in party primaries to select candidates for the more spirited contests were in the Democratic camp in which Reese Ling sought to prevent the re-nomination of Marcus A. Smith for United States senator. Governor George W. P. Hunt, who seeks a return to office is opposed by Dr. H. A. Hughes. There are 276 candidates in the field for the various offices. Voting started light with the polling heaviest on the Democratic side.

KAISER QUARRELS WITH CHANCELLOR

ROME, Sept. 7, via London, Sept. 8, 8:10 a. m.—According to a dispatch from Berlin to the Messagero, a serious controversy has arisen between the German emperor and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and Minister of Foreign Affairs Von Jagow, the two ministers being regarded as responsible for the unreadiness of German diplomacy which led to the coalition of European states against Germany. It is reported, according to the published dispatches, that their resignations have been tendered.

ANOTHER TRAWLER DESTROYED BY MINE

LONDON, Sept. 8, 11:35 p. m.—Another Grimsby steam trawler, the Revigo, has been blown up by a mine which exploded under the engine-room. The skipper and two engineers were injured, but the remainder of the crew escaped into the boats before the vessel sank.

200 FAMILIES DRIVEN FROM KANSAS HOMES

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 8.—Two hundred families were driven from their homes and twelve houses were swept away today when Turkey creek, a drainage stream, because of an all-night rain, ran over its banks and inundated a large residence section and the main business district of Rosedale, Kan., a suburb. Three feet of water stood this morning in the Rosedale city hall. In other parts of the business district the water reached six feet. No lives were lost.

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