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With Medford Stop-Over

RAILROAD LANDS TO BE ASSESSED IN JACKSON COUNTY

Judge W. M. Colvig, tax attorney for the Southern Pacific, made an eloquent plea before the county board of equalization Saturday requesting that the lands in the O. & C. land grant be kept off the tax rolls for the coming year, as title was now, according to Judge Wolverton's decision, vested in the United States government.

Judge Colvig claimed the decree of Judge Wolverton was plain, in that it forfeited the grant and restored the land to the government. As a result, he asked why the railroad company should pay the taxes, and thereby stand a chance of losing the same in the event the decision of Judge Wolverton was upheld by the United States supreme court.

Judge Colvig said he had been informed that a final decision would be rendered in the case by late in the year 1915.

Although the state tax commission had ordered the lands assessed against the railroad company in some instances, Judge Colvig said he believed they were in error, and that the lands should not be placed on the rolls at all.

In a recent opinion, Judge Colvig said Attorney General Crawford held that it was proper to omit the lands from the assessment rolls for the reason that the county had the right to go back five years and levy an assessment. Judge Colvig said he believed this opinion was sound law.

In the event this case is finally settled late in the year 1915," said Judge Colvig, "you can then collect every dollar of taxes due from the Southern Pacific company. If the government is successful, the land is not taxable."

In the event Judge Wolverton's decision is reversed and title to the lands is restored to the Southern Pacific company, Judge Colvig said the company would pay its back taxes, together with interest at the rate of 6 per cent.

The county court holds that to comply with Judge Colvig's request would be to give the railroad an unnecessary advantage, inasmuch as if the lands are finally awarded, the delinquent taxes must be paid to clear the title.

COLORADO PLANS TO REORGANIZE MILITIA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Re-organization of the Colorado state militia in order to relieve the federal troops now on duty in the coal strike region there, is being planned by Governor Ammons, according to information reaching resident Wilson.

WEYERHAEUSER OR THE PEOPLE?

DURING the past few years there has been a consistent effort on the part of the people to reform the senate by eliminating the representatives of big business and replacing them with representatives of the people.

That the effort has been partially successful is shown by retirement of Aldrich, Hale, Depew and other corporate representatives. The senate is no longer the millionaires' club.

To elect R. A. Booth to the senate will be to send an avowed representative of big business, a political reactionary, a commercialized tory, a stand-patter in all that the term implies, a member of the millionaires' club, to the senate from progressive Oregon.

The election of Booth will be an undoing of the political progress of the past decade. It will be a restoration to power of the pie-counter brigade and the political bourgeois whose heads are so solid they cannot comprehend the handwriting upon the wall.

It was against such men as Booth that Roosevelt thundered and blustered. It was such men as Booth that sent Taft into the slough of defeat. It is against such men as Booth that Woodrow Wilson is carrying to a successful issue his program of reform.

One of the most important eggs in the chain of big business is the lumber trust—that has managed to secure a monopoly of the timber resources of the northwest. Booth is its representative—was in the state senate and seeks to be in the United States senate.

The question before the people is, should Oregon be represented in the senate by a representative of the lumber trust, or by a representative of the people?

Mr. Booth is organizer and stockholder of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company. He and his allied companies own 325,000 acres of timber land in Oregon—and everyone knows how much of this land was acquired—by tainted land grants, railroad favoritism, colonizing by dummy entrymen, scripping on "inside information" from the land office, etc.

An investigation of the lumber business was recently completed by the department of commerce, bureau of corporations. The report shows that there the interlocking directorates which have centered financial affairs of the nation in the hands of a few men, have also centered the lumber industry and timber holdings in the hands of a few.

Common stockholders in the various owning corporations bring all the vast timber holdings in the northwest under one control.

The Weyerhaeuser company stockholders are also Booth-Kelly stockholders—also stockholders in the various other groups of owners.

The government report on the lumber industry, issued July 13, 1914, says, on page 56:

The Weyerhaeuser Timber Co.'s policy in western Oregon, where it is not a dominant holder, has been to retain all its timberland, instead of selling small accessible tracts, as it has done in Washington. In Klamath and Lake counties its policy has been rapidly to increase its holdings by buying up lands from small holders. This fact may indicate a purpose on the part of the Weyerhaeusers and their associates to become dominant in the pine region of south-central Oregon.

Regarding the holdings of the "first group" the report says:

This group consists of the holdings of the C. A. Smith interests, of the Booth Kelly Lumber company's interests and of the A. B. Hammond companies. These three holders own an area of 28 billion feet, standing on 507,934 acres. Their timber is not quite one-eighth of that on the entire area on the map.

The Booth-Kelly Lumber company is thus described:

The Booth Kelly Lumber company has two allied companies, the California and Oregon Land company and the Oregon Land and Livestock company. The timber holdings of these interests are based primarily on the Federal grant for the Oregon Central Military road from Eugene to the eastern boundary of the state. It covered the odd sections for three miles in width on each side of the road and by act of December 26, 1866, right of indemnity was given the unappropriated odd sections within six miles on each side of the road.

The Booth Kelly Lumber company's holdings have been augmented by purchase of between 65,000 and 70,000 acres from the O. & C. railroad company, part of the Federal grant.

Besides military road land and railroad land, the Booth Kelly company has some 90,000 acres, part of which, presumably, was originally secured from the government by individual entrymen.

It should be noted that a large proportion of the stock of the Booth Kelly Lumber company is now owned by individuals closely affiliated (in other companies) with the Weyerhaeusers.

Do the people of Oregon want to send a representative of the Weyerhaeusers and the lumber trust to the senate, or do they want to send a tried and true representative of the people?

If the latter, they will vote for George E. Chamberlain—regardless of party, faction or politics.

Booth's Credentials

(From the Albany Democrat.) The Democrat has heretofore asked several questions which neither Mr. Booth or any of the newspapers which are supporting his candidacy are willing to answer. The Democrat will therefore serve as a self-appointed proxy for the purpose of turning on the light. How did R. A. Booth obtain the republican nomination for United States senator? Because he was the chosen candidate of the Morning Oregonian and the political ring for which that paper is spokesman. What has he to recommend him to the people of Oregon? Several hundred thousand dollars which he accumulated while dealing in Oregon timber lands. What was his record while serving as a member of the Oregon state legislature? He was a reactionary in all that the name implies. He voted against the direct primary law; against the bill taxing timber lands; against the people's choice for United States senator and against the bill to limit the hours of service of railway employees to nine hours. A bill which had for its purpose the assessment of the gross earnings of corporations died in a committee of which he was

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Let's Keep These Three at Home

(Portland Labor Press)

Booth for senator, McArthur for representative, and Withycombe for governor, are entitled to no support from labor. All are entitled to its most vigorous opposition.

It is in keeping with a well-known labor slogan to "oppose and defeat" the enemies of labor and of progress, and all enemies of labor are enemies of progress.

It is sometimes difficult for a publication like the Labor Press to actively support any certain candidate for an important office when another candidate has an approximately equal following among the voters represented by it.

Booth's career in the Oregon senate was always opposed to the progressive laws which labor has always supported and by which labor has been greatly benefited. He opposed the direct primary. He favored the constitutional convention to kill the initiative and referendum. He supported to the last ditch a measure to kill Statement No. 1 and thereby prevent election of senators by the people.

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True, there are the picture shows, poolrooms, etc.; these places are distractions to many, and become nuisances to others. There should be some kind of a place where men can meet, play games, talk, read, engage in athletics of various kinds.

The Labor Press believes the people of Oregon are not yet ready for this.

Wants Y. M. C. A. in Medford

To the Editor:

How will I spend my evenings and leisure time this winter? This is a question that confronts many a man and boy of Medford just now that winter is setting in. During the summer it is an easy matter, comparatively speaking, as there are outings of many kinds to be taken. Of course many will say, "Why not go to church and Sunday school?" Well, we are not all constituted alike. What may suit one may not suit another.

True, the church is a good place to go to, and I believe it is every man's duty to go, at least occasionally, as it surely elevates one and puts good thoughts into one's mind, but I speak more especially of the man without a family, of the boys who are just forming their characters and who in a short time will take our places; of the young men who, after their day's work in the office or in the different mercantile lines, seek recreation.

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