

# CHAMBERLAIN TELLS OF HIS EFFORTS IN BEHALF OF PROGRESSIVE LEGISLATURE AT WASHINGTON

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these declarations. The senator was in fine form and spoke with an earnestness that carried the big crowd with him. He said he deplored the kind of a campaign that was being waged and that no one could say that he had ever assailed a man's character.

"I hope I will not have to enter into that kind of a campaign," he declared, "but if it becomes necessary for me to defend my good name, and that of my wife and six children, who were born, educated and honorably reared in Oregon, I want you to know there is one man in the state who can and will fight back and teach his enemies that those who live in glass houses ought not to cast stones either personally or by their agents."

He paid Governor West a high compliment and stated that he, too, was a victim of the character assassins. He also paid Dr. Smith a glowing tribute, as the staunch advocate of popular government in the state senate.

### Discusses the Tariff

When discussing the new tariff law, Senator Chamberlain cleverly and forcibly drove home the point as to who was getting the benefit from a tariff revised downward. He pointed out that since wool is now bringing the highest price it has brought, with the exception of two times in the last twenty-five years, and the prices of nearly all products of the farm and field are good, that the republican papers that want to discredit the Wilson administration are confining their harangues to Chinese eggs and butter from New Zealand.

"At La Grande I asked those in the audience who ate eggs to stand up. The entire audience arose. Then I asked those who raised and sold eggs to stand up. Only three arose."

"Why should a tax be placed upon a thousand for the benefit of three?" he asked. "But even so, the assertions that the lowering of the tariff on eggs has reduced the price of eggs is not true. A republican wrote a letter to the Oregonian the other day saying he had bought eggs for eight cents a dozen under a republican tariff, and now you have to pay 35 cents and more a dozen for them under a democratic tariff."

"I'm just calling your attention to these things to show you the absurdity of the campaign being made to elect a republican senator and defeat

the democratic administration."

Senator Chamberlain reviewed the achievements of the Wilson administration, the passage of the currency bill, whose workings he explained would prevent financial panics, and of other measures. He declared that he was in perfect accord with the president and that honest differences in opinion, such as the Panama canal tolls repeal, were respected by both parties.

In touching upon the tariff issues, Senator Chamberlain scored the republican party for its violation of the pledges of the platform of 1908, when, in revising the tariff, the revision was upward instead of downward, and President Taft was forced to take the stump to explain that he had been forced to sign the Payne-Aldrich tariff because it was the best that could be obtained. This action on the part of the republican administration, he said, was responsible for the election of President Wilson and a democratic congress, and the only two states that cast their electoral votes for former President Taft were Vermont and Utah.

### Good Work of Democrats

"When the democratic administration took up the reins of government, what was the result?" he asked. "The Underwood tariff bill was enacted and engrained in this bill was the income tax bill, the first of the kind that had ever been passed by congress, that struck a previous bill passed by republicans having been declared unconstitutional. This bill levied a tax upon incomes so that the burden of taxation was lifted from the shoulders of the poor and shifted to those of the rich to the extent of \$100,000,000 annually, and this income tax is so graduated that the tax increases in proportion to the increased income, and thus the greater burden of bearing the expense of the government is imposed upon the rich, who ought, in justice and equity, to bear this proportion of this expense."

"The tariff bill reduces the duties upon the necessities of life, such as food, clothing, glass, utensils, farming implements and machinery and the things which enter into the everyday life of the average citizen while retaining the duties upon the luxuries of life. No better evidence of the soundness of the measure could be adduced than the fact that, when it came up for final passage in the house, three republicans, three Bull

Mosses and one independent voted with the democrats, and in the senate Senators Ponder and La Follette voted for it.

### Regional Bank Law

"The currency law was the next constructive measure adopted to carry out the policies of the president," said the senator. "This act is responsible for the placing of the country upon such a solid financial foundation that the greatest war in the history of the universe has been unable to shake it or disturb its equilibrium. It has established an open discount market and concentrated the reserves of 25,000 banking institutions into a most magnificent system of organized banking capital, without the establishment of a central banking power, such as was contemplated by the Aldrich commission some years ago, which would only have served to tighten the grip of the moneyed interests of Wall street upon the throat of the country's finances. Neither was this a partisan measure, in the strict sense of the term, for there were republicans, Bull Mosses and independents in the senate who placed principle above party politics and fought for the bill upon its merits."

### Trades Commission Bill

He next took up a discussion of the trades' commission bill, which was enacted in support of the Sherman anti-trust act and which is the staunch friend and protector of the laboring class. He told how this measure was unanimously supported by congress because it was legislation in favor of the masses and there was not one who dared oppose it. He took up several features of the bill, but called particular attention to one clause which declared that the "labor of a human being is not a commodity or article of commerce," in repudiation of the decision of the federal courts, which ruled against organized labor as trusts in restraint of trade, and demanded their dissolution. Further, this bill provides that "nothing in this act shall be construed to mean that organization of labor, agriculture or horticulture are conspiracies in restraint of trade."

"Do you want that law repealed?" he asked. "No statutes have ever been enacted before that will serve to wipe out the differences between labor and capital as will these measures. My opponent says he will oppose the president and have all these



and democratic measures repealed. Do you want this done?"

### Another Good Bill

"There is a bill coming up to prevent the watering of stocks and bonds by corporations. It has passed the house and is on its way to the senate, and I am going to vote for it. This bill will place within the jurisdiction of the courts of the United States the privilege of examining any proposed issue of stock or bonds before they will be allowed to be floated to defraud and mislead the people. That is the kind of legislation the present administration is in favor of. Do you people of Oregon want to defeat it and return to the old system? Then there is another policy of President Wilson which some of the

newspapers of the country who are controlled by the capitalistic interests have been hounding him about, and that is the so-called 'watchful-waiting' policy in regard to the Mexican situation. President Wilson would not recognize any president of the republic of Mexico who had not been elected by the people and decidedly not the murderous hand which was responsible for the assassination of President Madero. He demanded that the people be restored to ownership of the soil, and in all of the history of Ireland there has never been such a state of landlordism as has existed in the republic of Mexico. The motive behind the Mexican policy of the president was the golden rule, and, although the capitalistic interests used every power that

### Stands on Record

"I am conducting my campaign on the plane of dignity, principle and honor, and although I have been severely provoked, I will not resort to personal abuse and will stand or fall upon my record. I consider that I have only one opponent in the field, and I will not even mention his name. You all know who I mean, and he is in favor of the repeal of all of these constructive measures. Not a single criticism of my public record has been made throughout my official career. I am pestered on all sides by vilification and abuse and the fight of one great newspaper in the state has dwindled down to a campaign of 'butter and eggs.' Its editorials howl calamity and its news columns belie its assertions.

"You know me pretty well here in Medford, my friends. I do not have to tell you who or what I am. Look over my records of the past twenty-five years that you have honored me with public office, and then look over those editorials and circulars which are attacking my character and then decide for yourselves. I will be satisfied with your judgment, for I know that it is good, and if I am defeated I will always feel that I have done my duty as I understand it and as I thought was for the best interests of my constituents, and whatever you do you will think you did it for the best, and I will forever feel grateful for the honors you have conferred on me far beyond my merits. I fear I have talked you out of patience already, and, while I would love to stand and talk to you all night as friend to friend, I will bid you good night."

Senator Chamberlain was introduced by Porter J. Neff, who made an eloquent plea for his return as a necessity both in the upbuilding of the state and for the upholding of the Wilson administration and its policy of peace.

Mr. Neff stated that Senator Chamberlain held by far the most in-

fluential committee appointment ever held by an Oregon senator, and he was thereby enabled to accomplish more for the state and the coast than any new senator could possibly accomplish.

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