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WHY REPEAL LAND LAWS?

On another page of The Examiner this week, appears the light of the Federal Grand Jury, recently in session in Portland, upon the present land laws governing public lands. The voluminous letter, sent to Secretary Hitchcock renouncing the land laws of today, and strongly urging their repeal, was, no doubt, the result of that body of able gentlemen having been for two weeks delving into the numerous land frauds perpetrated in the public land states, and were preyed upon by the disclosure of wholesale perjury and speculation, to such an extent that radical changes seemed the only remedy for land frauds.

While the document contains some sound reasoning for repealing certain clauses in the present land laws it seems that to make a clean sweep of the statute books would be wholly uncalled for. Now that the schemes of fraudulent land grabbers are an open book to the public, and spoliators can be headed off by the government through the aid of honest homebuilders, it seems an absurd policy to wipe the laws so familiar to the common people from the law books and place upon them new and intricate laws that none but the shrewdest lawyers can comprehend, would only be an invitation to grafters and spoliators to play in the hands of land syndicates for another period of education of the common people to a thorough understanding of the land laws, that the aid of bona fide settlers would be of value to government inspectors in dealing with land grabbers. The present laws are good enough, if carefully guarded. Unguarded, no kind of land laws would protect the public domain. It is easier to guard the interest of the government when our laws are familiar to all, than it would be if laws were in force which would be a dictionary of intricacies to the general public. It cannot be reasonably supposed that any body of eminent law makers can draft laws that shrewd and conspiring spoliators cannot misconstrue to their victims upon whom they depend for perjury in accomplishing their ends, and who do so, in many instances, through ignorance of any wrongdoing, if the laws are made to be unfamiliar to the common people. Conspirators against the government have manipulated extensive deals wherein fraud and perjury was necessary to its accomplishment, but not wholly within themselves. Innocent and honest people

have been dragged into the schemes, and made to take the part wherein fraud was most likely to be discovered, with the result that the real conspirators go free, and if any one is punished it is the innocent party. The vigorous investigations in progress the past two years have had their effect, and the honest public has become educated to such a degree that now it is only possible for fraudulent land deals to be made by the shrewdest of men, and they must accomplish the deal. Their methods are known and new laws would be welcomed by them. Place new laws upon the statute books, and you place the honest settler at the mercy of the knave, and make him a party to land deals, manipulated by just such men as have defrauded the government in the past, and whose ground work was the result of honest and able lawmakers. Congress may enact new laws apparently strict to protect the government, but someone gets the key and lives fat until his schemes are discovered.

We say again, that with moderate changes, the present land laws are good enough if properly guarded, and if not guarded, there is no law that could be framed by man that would stand the test of treacherous and unscrupulous grafters, left alone to drill into the vaults at their leisure, with the aid of innocent persons.

REPUBLICANS ARE A UNIT

The Herald last week in commenting upon the condition of affairs in the republican party felt constrained to say, "The convention was far from being harmonious, and what the outcome will be next June may be a surprise to many. That the factions will unite in the support of the entire ticket is hardly probable." Of course Joe means well, and no doubt believes what he says. We have only the kindest regards for him, and take his prophesies with the same degree of simulance that his adeptness as a politician in the republican ranks inspires his readers with. Joe is a great politician among the democrats, but conceding that his remarks were actuated by his noblest impulse, and not dominated by any evil motive, the best interests of the republican party in Lake county would be better subserved by the absence of Joe's prophesies.

These little scrambles for places must be expected in the best regulated campaigns, and never leave a mark of bitterness when settled. We have no doubt but that somebody will be "surprised," but to avoid a concussion, it would be well for the opposing ticket to be well prepared for the shock the counting of the ballots on the 6th day of June will cause, as the republican "tally's" down the line from sheriff to corner.

Representative Williamson has introduced a bill authorizing the commissioner of the general land office upon the application of any person interested, to issue certified copies of any patent or patents, the original of which was destroyed in the recent fire at the local land office at Lakeview, Or. The bill provided that these copies shall be furnished free of cost.

Bryan told the Connecticut Judge that if his honor would let him handle Bennett's \$50,000 he would deal it out to sweet charity. But the court said no. Having in mind the proverb that charity begins at home.

Willie Hearst has decided that a seat in Parker's cabinet would be pretty good. Parker might consent to trade him a seat for his national delegates if Willie can deliver the goods.

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