

TRADE PATENT LAW
Urges Changes in Statutes
Governing Patents.
FAVORS A COMMISSION
Would Have Special Body Make
Study of Situation.
CITES PREVAILING ABUSES

Entire Industries Have Been Dom-
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sage to Congress.
President Taft yesterday sent to Congress a special message asking for a commission to investigate and study patent laws with a view to revision. It is as follows:
"To the Senate and House of Representatives:
"The present patent laws of the United States were enacted in practically their present condition in 1870, before the development of the industrial conditions which obtain today. The wisdom of the framers of the Constitution in providing that Congress shall have the power to promote the progress of science and the useful arts by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries has been demonstrated by the fact that the industrial progress and development of the United States has been due largely to the stimulus to invention given by the protection afforded by the patent laws.

Combinations Formed.
"In recent years, however, combinations based upon patents have been formed which have succeeded in controlling very largely the output of particular industries, and this control has been extended by contracts based upon the patents, requiring the users of patented machines to buy from the corporations owning the patents or their respective writings and discoveries the materials, supplies or other articles to be used in connection with the patented machines. Some of the courts of appeal have held that such contracts, based upon patents, were valid, and that those who violated the terms of such contracts were liable to their respective writers and discoveries. The correctness of such decisions has recently received the approval of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Sidney Henry, et al. vs. A. E. Dick Company, by the vote of four justices of the court who heard the case.
"An application for a rehearing of that case by the full bench was made and denied, so that the construction put upon the existing law in that case must be regarded as conclusive. Several bills have been introduced into Congress as an attempt to obviate the effect of this decision so as to prevent a patentee from extending by contract the monopoly secured to him under the patent law. This question calls for careful consideration.

Industries Are Dominated.
"Again, large corporations by absorbing patents relating to particular arts have succeeded in dominating entire industries, and the only market to which an inventor of improvements upon such machines may offer his patents for sale is to such corporations. In many instances it is charged corporations buy patents for improvements and, although the inventions covered thereby constitute a distinct improvement in the art, their manufacture is suppressed and the public never receives the benefit of such inventions during the life of the patent.
"Some other countries have discouraged the shelving of inventions in this manner by laws requiring that the owner of a patent shall manufacture the invention covered by his patent within a certain period, or that his patent shall be declared forfeited. Other countries provide that the owner of a patent who does not manufacture the invention in the country granting it, within a reasonable time, may be compelled to grant a license to any one who may apply to manufacture and sell the invention upon such terms as may be determined to be reasonable by a public officer or by a court of competent authority.

Worthy of Consideration.
"It is worthy of careful consideration whether or not legislation on some such lines should be enacted to prevent our patent laws from being made the basis of unjust monopoly, extending beyond the legitimate protection to inventors required to promote science and the useful arts, or the means of stifling improvement and progress of the arts.
"It is also claimed by some that legislation is necessary to enable an inventor to more speedily obtain his patent, and also to prevent the holding of applications for patent in the Patent Office for a long period of time, until

POLITICS DAY BY DAY

Taft's Ohio Itinerary.
President Taft's schedule in Ohio next week has been made public. During his campaign in his home state the President will make sixty-three speeches, at the rate of over ten a day, except next Thursday, when he will speak once, in Cleveland. The itinerary is as follows: The President leaving here tomorrow afternoon:
Monday—Marietta, Caldwell, Cambridge, Newcomstown, Uhrichville, St. Clairsville, Bellare, Bridgeport and Steubenville.
Tuesday—East Liverpool, Alliance, Canton, Massillon, Akron, Kent, Ravenna, Warren, Niles and Youngstown.
Wednesday—Zanesville, Newark, Mount Vernon, Mansfield, Marion, Bucyrus, Norwalk, Oberlin, Elyria and Sandusky.
Thursday—Cleveland (one speech at night), all day.
Friday—Lorain, Bellevue, Fremont, Potosi, Tiffin, Carey (possibly Upper Sandusky), Kenton, Findlay, Bowling Green and Toledo.
Saturday—Wauseon, Napoleon, Defiance, Cech, Paulding, Van Wert, Lima, Wapakoneta, Sidney, Bellefontaine, Urbana and Springfield.
Sunday—Cincinnati, all day.
Monday—Hamilton, Eaton, Richmond, Greenville, Piqua, Troy, Tippecanoe, Dayton and Xenia.
Tuesday—Cincinnati, leaving for Washington late in the afternoon.
Mr. Taft will vote in Cincinnati.

Odds 6 to 5 Taft Carries Ohio.
Election betting in New York has veered around somewhat, and Roosevelt money on the Ohio primaries result is difficult to find. Thursday and the day before there was plenty of even money offering on Roosevelt victory, but last evening 6 to 5 was offered on Taft, and the odds are scarce. Also offered 6 to 5 that Roosevelt will be the next President provided he carries Ohio have been withdrawn.
The cause of this change in sentiment was the Knox speech delivered in California Thursday. It is believed that much influence is being brought to bear upon Secretary Knox to enter Ohio and stump the state for Taft. It is believed such a tour would do more than anything else could to offset the Roosevelt speeches.
Tammany Seeks a Winner.
The New York Herald today says:

the particular art to which the patent relates has grown up.
"Certain amendments to the patent laws are required to make effective the provisions of the convention of the International Union for the Protection of Industrial Property, held at Washington, and signed June 2, 1911.

Complaints Registered.
"Much complaint has been made that patents granted by the United States are not deemed prima facie valid by the courts and that preliminary injunctions are granted only upon patents which have been adjudicated to be valid by the courts or those whose validity has been prima facie established by public acquiescence for a considerable period of time.
"It is urged that the laws should be revised in such a manner that the issuance of a patent by the United States will carry with it the prima facie force and effect of a valid patent, and the burden placed upon him who would interfere with that patent to establish its invalidity, rather than, as at the present time, to require the patentee to establish the validity of his patent before obtaining a preliminary injunction or securing an award of damages for the intentional infringement of his patented invention.

"Great care should be taken in any revision of the statutes relating to patents and patent rights not unduly to interfere with vested interests which have been properly created under the existing laws, or to impair the efficiency of a system from which so much benefit has been derived by the country.
"It is the opinion that a careful study of the patent laws should be made by a commission of qualified persons appointed for that purpose with instructions to report such revision of those laws as may be necessary to harmonize them with the best thought and needs of our time, and I, therefore, recommend the enactment of a statute authorizing the President to appoint a commission to investigate the present state of the patent law, and to report what, if any, changes or amendments should be made to conform that law with modern conditions and requirements.
(Signed), WILLIAM H. TAFT,
"The White House, May 10, 1912."

MAKES FAVORABLE REPORT.
"Bill of Lading" Measure Approved by Senate Committee.

The Interstate commerce committee has reported favorably to the Senate the Clay "bill of lading" measure, establishing a rule of evidence as to greater liability of railroads. Senator Townsend gave notice that he would file a minority report, while Senator Pomeroy announced he would press his bill, which is a code of laws on bills of lading, as a substitute.
Under the measure reported every railroad or other common carrier in the United States engaged in interstate or foreign commerce would be liable on bills of lading issued by its authorized agents, notwithstanding the agents had not received the goods. At present the railroads are not liable under such circumstances, and bankers and consignees complain that they are defrauded out of money advanced on the strength of the bills of lading.

WILSON SUCCEEDS ROGERS.

Appointed Superintendent of National Bank Redemption Agency.
E. W. Wilson has been appointed by Secretary MacVeagh as superintendent of the national bank redemption agency of the Treasury at \$5,500 per year, an increase from \$3,200. Mr. Wilson takes the place made vacant by the death more than a year ago of Thomas B. Rogers, who had been chief of the division for many years. Mr. Wilson has been acting chief of the division and his record has been such as to win for him the good will of his superior officers.
Having been assistant chief of the division for ten years, Mr. Wilson is perfectly familiar with the work.

COMMENCEMENT AT HERNDON.

Exercises Are Held by the High School.
Special Dispatch to The Star.
HERNDON, Va., May 11.—The commencement exercises of Herndon High School were held Thursday night in Walker's Hall, the new high school building not being completed. The pupils numbered 132. Miss Cynthia Cummins won the prize for spelling in the High School, Miss Ruth Bohrer and William And being successful in the eighth grade. Those taking part in the play presented, "For Love of Money," were: Miss Frances Gaver, Miss Cecil Stigall, Miss Hazel Bickeler, Miss Cynthia Cummins, Miss Ruth Bohrer, and T. E. Reed, Jr.; Koger Ellis and Walter Bradshaw.
In the base ball contest Thursday afternoon between the schools of Florida and Herndon the latter was successful, the score being 22 to 5.
The second annual commencement of the Florida High School was held last night, the decorations being the school colors, green and gold. The entire school, led by the graduates, marched into the assembly hall.
The graduates were Edna Thompson, Inez Long, Bessie Albert, Mary O'Leary, Wilson McNair and Albert Thompson.

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A Brief Description

These homes are full six rooms and bath, and each one enjoys a spacious individual front porch. Each home is also equipped with all modern conveniences, such as a model heating plant in the cellar, with separate hot-water heater for summer time, when the heater fire would not be in use. A four-burner gas range is already installed in the kitchen, also a porcelain-lined sink containing hot and cold water spigots, large china cupboard, etc. Gas illumination throughout the entire house with electric lighting attachments. Right here we would call your attention to the beautiful art lighting fixtures downstairs, which consist of a stained glass dome of beautiful proportions in the dining room, a stained glass hall light and an elegant cluster of lights in the parlor.

The parlor contains a hardwood art mantel with a built-in bookcase, and there is a broad plate rail in the dining room. A beautiful hardwood staircase leads to the second floor, with its three spacious, well lighted and ventilated bedrooms, each supplied with large closets. Then there is a completely equipped bathroom with sanitary fixtures and such additional conveniences as medicine closets, etc. Altogether as complete a home as modern building has yet devised.

The fact that homes in the immediate vicinity range in price from \$5,000 upward is going to add greatly to the future valuation of these homes. Only the extent of this mammoth building operation enables such a price as \$2,750, and on such easy payment terms.

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These homes are only a few minutes' ride from the city's business and shopping center. There are three schools within four squares of the property, plenty of churches, markets, places of amusements, etc.

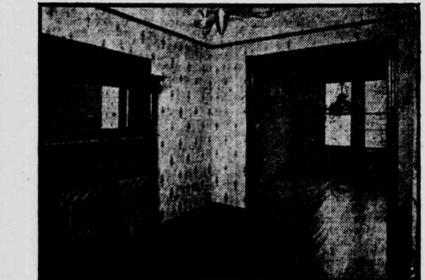
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It Is Well to Remember
That our operation at "High View" opened with about the same number of homes completed as we now have at Columbia Road and Sherman Avenue and all were sold within two days after they were first publicly announced for sale.

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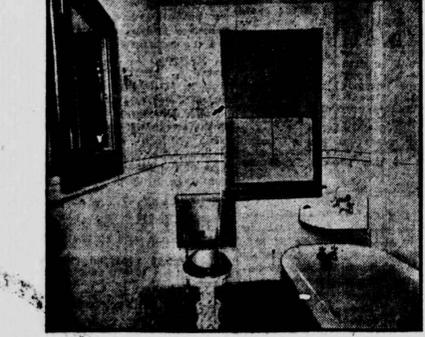
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Roosevelt and the Trusts.

An attack on Col. Roosevelt. In the nature of a reply to the colonel's letter charging Mr. Taft with being with the "bosses," is made by Director McKinley of the Taft bureau, in a statement just issued. Mr. McKinley says:
"The present campaign is being a campaign against alleged political bosses.
"The logic of his argument against them, as such, is that they serve special interests and do not perform the will of the people in their acts.
"Mr. Roosevelt, in his reply, receiving the open and avowed support of George W. Perkins of the United States Steel Corporation and the harvester trust, both of which were fostered and petted by Mr. Roosevelt as President and both of which are now hated before the courts of the land by order of President Taft, because why should they be dissolved as violators of the Sherman anti-trust law?
"The trust which I desire to make clear to the people of the country is that Mr. Roosevelt, if he is right about the 'bosses,' is himself dealing directly with the

bosses of the bosses, namely the trusts and monopolies, which have this country by the throat, and against which William H. Taft, as President, is striving to enforce the law.
"As President, Theodore Roosevelt did not prosecute the steel trust, and he ordered a threatened prosecution against the harvester trust stopped. The latter act, at least, was at the personal solicitation of George W. Perkins.
"Furthermore, he permitted the steel trust to absorb its only great rival, the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, in violation of law.
"If, as Mr. Roosevelt himself says, a boss is a man who serves the special interests and gives to them special privilege to absorb its only great rival, the greatest boss this country has ever seen, for no man has given greater privilege to the trusts than he.
"Furthermore, Theodore Roosevelt is a 'middle boss' between the special interests, seeking to further his nomination by pouring thousands of dollars into his campaign fund, and the political bosses like William Flinn of Pennsylvania and Walter Brown of Ohio, who are actively promoting his candidacy in the field.
"The bosses of the bosses, the trusts, has declared overwhelmingly for Col.

Roosevelt. At the primaries in Hennepin county, which includes the city of Minneapolis, held Friday evening, Col. Roosevelt received practically half the vote, defeating the combined opposition of Taft and La Follette. The following telegram shows what occurred:
"Returns up to midnight give Roosevelt 982 delegates to county convention, Taft, ninety-three; La Follette, thirty-five. Necessary to control convention, 900. One hundred and fifteen precincts reported out of 151 give total vote 15,972, of which Roosevelt gets 7,600, Taft 6,387; La Follette, 2,985. It is a landslide.
(Signed) STANLEY WASHBURN."
"I. A. Caswell, chairman of the Minnesota Roosevelt committee, telegraphs as follows:
"Roosevelt carries Minneapolis overwhelmingly and seven outside counties. Two counties not reported yet. Taft carries none so far as heard from. Roosevelt has 216 delegates to state convention, Taft none. Thirteen counties have now caucused, sixty-three counties caucus Saturday.
"Hennepin county and Minneapolis have all along been conceded to be the chief Taft strongholds in Minnesota. The vote in the Hennepin county primaries last night shows 3 to 1 against Taft. If he cannot carry Hennepin county, there is

no district in Minnesota that he can carry."
A statement from the Taft bureau with a dig in it at Senator Dixon, director of the Roosevelt campaign, says:
"Silver Bow county, Mont., the largest republican county in the state of Montana, has gone solidly for President Taft and will send sixty-five delegates to the state convention instructed to vote for the President. This is the second large county in the state to go for the President within a week. Lewis and Clark county, including the state capital, Helena, having been carried last week.
"Both of these counties are in the home state of Senator Joseph M. Dixon, national manager of the Roosevelt campaign for a third term. Notwithstanding the fact that Senator Dixon has exerted every energy to save the state for Mr. Roosevelt, even employing the services of federal officials appointed through his influence, the Taft tide is sweeping irresistibly against him and there is now no hope

left that the senator can swing the state for his candidate.
"The action taken by the county convention in Silver Bow county was without a dissenting vote against the President."
Claims for Champ Clark.
The Champ Clark headquarters have issued a statement claiming that he will get delegates in California, New Mexico, Nevada and Iowa, and will probably get those from Michigan, Wyoming and New Hampshire, all of which are to be elected in the coming week.
The statement says that 616 of the 1,094 delegates to the democratic national convention have already been chosen and that Speaker Clark is sure of 275. Gov. Wilson sure of 74, Representative Underwood sure of 84, Gov. Baldwin of 14, Gov. Marshall of 39, Gov. Burke of 19 and Gov. Harmon of 2. The unassigned number 127, according to the statement.
Democratic Elections Next Week.
The following states will elect demo-

cratic delegates next week:
Monday—Wyoming (convention), 6; Tuesday—California (primary), 25; New Mexico (convention), 8; Nevada (primary), 6; New Hampshire (convention), 8; Wednesday—Michigan (convention), 20; South Carolina (convention), 15; Thursday—Iowa (convention), 26. Total, 128.
Campaign for Roosevelt in Ohio.
The Roosevelt campaign in Ohio next week is to take in a number of prominent national speakers, according to statements made at the headquarters here. Senator Clapp is to speak in the state every day except Friday; Senator Poindexter, Gov. Stubbs of Kansas and Representative Victor Murdock are to speak throughout the week.
Oscar Straus of New York, Secretary of Commerce and Labor under President Roosevelt; William Dudley Foulke of Indiana, Gov. Hadley of Missouri, Controller William A. Pendergast of New York and Bainbridge Colby of New York are among the speakers listed for the week's campaign.