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HOW ABOUT THE APPOINTMENTS?

There is a lively tilt going in the national congress just now. It is not over the questions of state; not over the Panama canal; not over the land question in the west, but it is over the question of "What shall we do about the appointments?"

President Taft has made 1300 appointments, which is to say the least, a few in every state, and the president and the republican senators want these appointments confirmed. But against them stands a solid line of democracy. It has been many years since democracy has had her stomach square against the pie counter and there is a disposition not to let any republican or bull mooser push her away. She is standing pat, as it were, regardless of the many threats from republican senators that democratic legislation will be blocked in the future if compromise is not effected.

What does the lesson teach?

That with all the boasted reform; with all the mucky muck rakers and their expose of everything from the dome of the capital to the ticker on Wall street, the same old human instinct exists within the hearts of men who play politics—they want the "possum" and are going to have it.

How the matter will terminate is but a guess. President Taft is a party man and he will go in the ditch for the men he has appointed. Republican senators will "howl" themselves hoarse and coax the progressives to join them, and in many instances the progressives will join them. But even then, the stolid democratic wing of the senate will grunt and refuse to play ball, or let anyone else play. For the democrats see after the fourth of March easy sailing in matters of patronage; they see the oasis in that long dreary desert, and it is reasonable to suppose they will continue to block the game as much as they can.

Doubtless the Oregon appointments would many of them have been confirmed had it not been for the unfortunate appointment of President Taft of Tom McCusker as postmaster of Portland. That brought on a fight wherein decency arrayed itself for a skirmish. Protest so strong has been made that senators from outside this state are taking an active part in the fight from a matter of principle, and it is understood that Dixon, Bristow, and several others will go the limit to keep the McCusker appointment from being confirmed. In doing this they have blocked the way for smooth sailing so far as others are concerned.

OUR WATER POWER.

After seventy-five years the statesmen of Oregon have just come to a realization that the state has water power and that such power is very valuable. There is a proposition now before the legislature for the state to go into the development business and develop all the water power for commercial purposes. It's a fine idea if it is practical, but like the Portland newspapers' fight on the real estate shark it has come after the horse is stolen.

For instance, how could Oregon organize a department for water power development when at the present it is impossible to organize to build good roads. Water power work requires more detail than does good road building, and besides there is a retail end of that business which is always one of endless expense and detail.

If the state could make contracts with responsible private individuals or corporations to retail the electric current and the state act as nothing but a wholesaler it might be possible to develop a power here and there and make it satisfactory. But even then, the whole plan is beset with the political microbe which has ever been an enemy to a business proposition for the general public and as a result there would be countless investigations, changes of employes, political machines built up and a whole lot of things done which the honest voter would not sanction.

Would it not be a better way to act with judgment and tax power sites what the business will reasonably stand after it is in operation, but do not put on such a tax that development would cease.

No one should lose sight of the fact that Oregon needs and must have development. The next big money made in this state will not be made as easily as the good old moss-backs of Portland made their fortunes. No, the time has come when Oregonians must get into the business game and the easy money is a thing of the past. This fact is of importance and the state should not put any unnecessary stumbling blocks in the way of honest development.

COMPPELLING OFFICIALS TO ACT.

Governor West, through Senate Claude McColloch, has introduced a bill in the legislature which tends toward better law enforcement, but falls in its purpose for the reason that the governor has gone too far in transferring supreme power to the executive chair. He would, by this proposed law, make it possible for the governor to appoint deputy prosecuting attorneys and deputy sheriffs over the state for a period of ninety days during which time the officers elected to fill those offices would be compelled to turn over the entire business of each respective office over to the deputy.

In practically every instance where the governor would appoint a deputy sheriff or a deputy prosecuting attorney it would be because of some particular failure of the regular officer to do his duty. And right there is where the governor's bill is weak. There is no reason for

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turning all affairs of an office over to a new official for a period of ninety days, what should be turned over to him is the particular case or cases designated by the governor. Think of the chaos that would follow in giving over to a new man the routine business of the sheriff's office, or the prosecuting attorney's office, the new man to attend to all details of every case and the regular official to become a private citizen for ninety days so far as his official work was concerned. This is wrong and the governor should hasten to revise his bill so that he would have the power to appoint special deputies for prosecution of cases where he thinks the regular officials are not doing their duty.

TEST FOR THE NEW SALARY LAW.

One of the first cases to be furnished the state railroad commission under the new salary law is from Union county and pertains to the telephone situation. It will be watched with a great deal of interest for it will have a bearing on all corporations of a public service nature throughout the state.

The merits of the new law will be tested right here and the opinion that will go out over the state will have a decided effect upon the law's permanency. The situation in Union county happens to be between two telephone companies. One is the established concern of several years' standing, while the other is a new institution which has built over considerable territory and is now serving quite a population. Each has claims to make to the commission, and quite likely when the commission gets firmly to work on the situation here a re-adjustment of rates according to the commission's idea of scientific rating will follow.

Without discussing either side for it is a case where honest people differ, the matter can come up to the experts for adjustment. It is to be hoped, within a reasonable length of time. The commission has been created by the people of the state for adjusting differences among those who serve the public and Union county will be one of the first counties to be served. Let us see just how well the new organization handles the matter.

KIDDLE'S RECORD.

Ed Kiddle, senator from Union-Wallowa counties, is making an enviable record at Salem. He has not introduced a bill and may not during the session. His contention is that we are lawed to death now with little enforcement of what we have and he is standing on the ground that Oregon needs repeal of a great many complex laws, and that many measures intended to adjust business affairs are passed never to be heard of again.

His Stomach Troubles Over.

Mr. Dyspeptic, would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even know for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently, and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker of Battle Creek, Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was troubled

with heartburn, indigestion, and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by All dealers.

JACK BUSH ACQUITTED.

Hearing Before Justice of the Peace Ends in His Dismissal.

Jack Bush, accused of inhumane treatment to animals, following the charges preferred by Constable Faulk at the behest of several who believed Bush guilty, was yesterday afternoon acquitted of the charge in a hearing before Justice A. C. Williams. Several testified for the state in the case but the evidence was held to be insufficient. Attorney R. J. Greene was counsel for the defendant.

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about 50 cents. Some druggists make their own, which is usually too sticky, so insist upon getting "Wyeth's" which can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair and is splendid for dandruff, dry, feverish, itchy scalp and falling hair. A well-known downtown druggist says his customers insist on Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur, because, they say, it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied—it's so easy to use too. You simply dampen a sponge or soft brush and draw it through your hair, taking one strand at a time. Do this at night and by morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, it is restored to its natural color and looks glossy, soft and abundant.

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