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STATE REVENUES AND EXPENSES

Salem Journal's Bugaboo Discussed
by Hon. H. R. Kincaid.

Hon. H. R. Kincaid, ex secretary of state and editor of the Eugene Journal, says regarding the abolishment of fees system and reduction of the salaries of state officers and he is certainly good authority on the question. Mr. Kincaid is at present the Lane county judge, having been elected two years ago on the democratic ticket.

The Salem Capital Journal is advocating the abolishment of all fees and perquisites for state officers and the establishment of fixed salaries. It says the average annual state revenue for the past seven years, from 1895 to 1901, inclusive, was \$140,175; state revenue required for 1902 is \$110,718; increase in annual state revenue required \$460,543. It figures salaries, fees and perquisites for two years, \$182,660; on a fair allowance, \$80,000; reduction possible \$102,660; clerks' graft by Legislature 1901, \$22,000; on a fair allowance, \$12,000; reduction possible \$10,000; higher education, normal schools, university, etc., \$351,409; on a fair allowance, \$150,000; reduction possible \$201,409; scalp bounty for two years, \$115,000; on a fair allowance, nothing; reduction possible \$115,000; total saving possible on four items, \$249,069. It figures the net amount received by the Governor or annually for his salary at \$4,250 and the total expenses of his office for salary, clerkship, etc., not including services as commander of the National Guard, \$6,950; net amount received by the Secretary of State as salary and fees annually, \$13,368.46; and the total expenses of his office, including salaries, fees and clerkship, \$22,372; net amount received by State Treasurer annually as salary and fees, \$5,312, and the total expenses of his office, including salaries, fees and clerkship, \$8,212; salary of Superintendent of Public Instruction \$2,500, not including traveling expenses and perquisites, and total expenses of his office annually, \$7,827; State Printers fee for printing and binding, averaged for 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902, not including deficiencies to be made up by the next Legislature, \$45,989. Whether state officers receive fees, as now (only Secretary of State and Treasurer and Supt. of Public Instruction do receive any) or should be placed on fixed salaries, as proposed, or should receive a little more or less than the present amounts or nothing at all, is not a question of any practical importance to the people, although it was made the standing hobby of a few unscrupulous demagogues connected with the press for four years previous to the present term, when the fees were very much less than now. Whether there be fees or no fees allowed the Secretary of State and State Treasurer, and whether these officers and the Governor should receive more or less than now would make no perceptible difference in the revenues and expenses of the State. It is the useless and extravagant appropriations made by the Legislature, all demanded by the people themselves, and for which the people who elect Legislatures are to blame, that make large expenditures and high taxes, such appropriations as were made by the last Legislature, almost double the amount by adding \$46,000 to the already large amounts of former years. These are the mountains. The pay of three or four state officers are mole-hills.

Ihosa has not yet gotten over its populist folly. The Populists of that state a few days ago put a manifesto that has all the earmarks of ancient history. After numerous "where-see" of ancient date, they have resolved to nominate and support a straight Populist ticket in the coming election. It is evident that their lines of communication with C. H. Fisher, of the Boise Capital News, and E. McBrown, of Grangeville Free Press, have not been open during the visit of these democratic

editors to Roseburg, otherwise they would not have made this stupid blunder, but would have effected a "union of spoils" alliance with the Idaho democrats. This is what our friends get for not attending to business at home.

The Pacific Coast delegates have agreed upon a Chinese exclusion bill. The trouble is that Congress will probably not agree upon it, as it goes considerably further than the Geary bill, and it took pushing to get that through. However, we predict that the bill will be finally passed with but few amendments.

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FULTON IS A CANDIDATE.

BAKER CITY, ORE. Jan. 15.—"Yes, I am an open candidate for the election to the United States senate, to succeed Mr. Simon," said Hon. C. W. Fulton, of Astoria, this evening, who has been spending a few days in Baker City. "I am here solely in my own interests and have nothing to say on the gubernatorial or congressional questions. All the candidates are my friends and I have all I want to do to take care of my own battle." As to the question of improving the Columbia river to navigation, you know where I stand. I want to see the mouth of the river, you know where I stand. I want to see the mouth of the Columbia river deepened, and I want to see the upper Columbia river opened to navigation for the benefit of the inland empire."

NO GOVERNORIAL CANDIDATE.

As state Republicans of the bunch-grass country, who are able and willing to take a long look into the future, candidly say that Eastern Oregon, as a region, as a separate section of the state, has no candidate for the Gubernatorial nomination. There are two candidates for Governor from Eastern Oregon, and both of them are from Umatilla county. Both of them desire the Republican nomination. It might be mentioned that the personnel of the National Guard, \$6,950; net amount received by the Secretary of State as salary and fees annually, \$13,368.46; and the total expenses of his office, including salaries, fees and clerkship, \$22,372; net amount received by State Treasurer annually as salary and fees, \$5,312, and the total expenses of his office, including salaries, fees and clerkship, \$8,212; salary of Superintendent of Public Instruction \$2,500, not including traveling expenses and perquisites, and total expenses of his office annually, \$7,827; State Printers fee for printing and binding, averaged for 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902, not including deficiencies to be made up by the next Legislature, \$45,989. Whether state officers receive fees, as now (only Secretary of State and Treasurer and Supt. of Public Instruction do receive any) or should be placed on fixed salaries, as proposed, or should receive a little more or less than the present amounts or nothing at all, is not a question of any practical importance to the people, although it was made the standing hobby of a few unscrupulous demagogues connected with the press for four years previous to the present term, when the fees were very much less than now. Whether there be fees or no fees allowed the Secretary of State and State Treasurer, and whether these officers and the Governor should receive more or less than now would make no perceptible difference in the revenues and expenses of the State. It is the useless and extravagant appropriations made by the Legislature, all demanded by the people themselves, and for which the people who elect Legislatures are to blame, that make large expenditures and high taxes, such appropriations as were made by the last Legislature, almost double the amount by adding \$46,000 to the already large amounts of former years. These are the mountains. The pay of three or four state officers are mole-hills.

CAMS VALLEY PICK-UPS.

The Camas Valley Grange held its regular monthly meeting Saturday Jan. 18th. The Grange was organized a few months ago by L. Strong of Minto Point. The meetings are held once each month and there has a fine prospect of becoming a flourishing organization. Owing to the favorable winter, farming in the valley is well along, most of the people being at home seedling. Mr. Paul Stanley is at present preparing some ground for planting. Grain of all kind in this valley looks remarkably well for the time of year.

Mr. Clister was in the valley the past week, his business being to register the voters of this precinct. Mr. Devins is still very sick at the home of Mr. Kirkendall.

Lewis Brown, who is teaching at Bridge Coxen's, is having a vacation, his school being closed on account of the smallpox being in the neighborhood. It is thought the school will begin again in a short time.

Wm. Porter is the newly appointed notary public. W. understand that he is going into the real estate business, that of locating land seekers.

Mrs. L. B. Brown, who has been suffering from the rheumatism for a long time, has had the tooth taken out, sois feeling better.

Miss Grace Lee, Lucy Stanton and Miss Brown made a pleasant call on Grandma Jones last Thursday.

AUST SANATHY.

CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Many Civil Cases Disposed of. Hart Murder Case Now Being Heard.

The January term of circuit court is now in session. One-half the civil cases were acted upon Friday forenoon and the balance required but a short time Saturday for like disposal. The time for hearing the chief criminal case—State vs. Hart—was set for this morning and is now in progress.

Following is the list of civil cases disposed of Friday and Saturday:

1. Mary M. Beckley et al vs Douglas Co., appeal from County Court; O. F. Cawford and J. C. Medley attys for plff. and F. W. Benson atty for defendants. Contained for settlement.

2. C. Heddle vs Douglas county, appeal from County Court; F. W. Benson atty for plaintiff. Settled and dismissed.

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5. F. Kutz vs J. A. Hansen, action to recover money; J. T. Long atty for plaintiff. Settled.

6. Wilmerding-Loepe Co vs F. A. Pike et al, action at law; O. P. Coshow atty for plaintiff. Judgment for \$77.07 and costs.

7. C. E. Wade vs J. A. Shook, action to recover money; C. L. Hamilton atty for plaintiff. Dismissed.

8. Albert Abraham vs J. W. Pool, action to recover money; J. H. Shupe atty for plaintiff. Continued for term.

9. T. P. Simpson vs Joseph Williams, action to recover personal property; J. C. Fullerton atty for plaintiff. Default and judgment for delivery of personal property.

10. Isaac Selig vs P. T. McGee et al, action to recover money; F. W. Benson atty for plaintiff. Settled.

11. E. V. Hoover vs Wm. Gaskell, action to recover money; C. L. Hamilton atty for plaintiff. Default, judgment for \$75.

12. Douglas Winingham vs J. L. Martin, appeal from Justice Court; J. T. Long atty for plaintiff and T. T. Parker and Dexter Rice atty for defendants. Settled.

13. A. F. Brown vs L. D. Love, et al, action to recover money; O. P. Coshow atty for plaintiff. Continued for service.

14. John Preschein Jr vs Julius Antoni, O. P. Coshow atty for plaintiff and A. M. Crawford and J. A. Buchanan atty for defendant. Permission given to withdraw defendant and file a new answer.

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