

Economy In State Affairs

Editor Times:

The Plan of Portland, in urging twelve of her leading citizens to stand for the nomination for State Representative, on a platform of economy and efficiency, should be adopted by every county in Oregon.

That too many laws are enacted, and too much money appropriated by the Legislature, all must admit. But the important question is, what are we going to do about it.

First in importance, I suggest publicity. Since many of the members of the last Legislature are candidates, either for re-election or for some higher office, a complete record of the acts of each member, giving the amount of appropriations voted for; the number cast to raise the salary of some public official; creating new offices, etc. would make interesting reading for the voters, and serve as a warning to future Legislature against extravagance and reckless legislation.

Many unnecessary laws, as well as expensive appropriations are the result of inefficiency, and inexperience, on a part of a large per cent of the legislators. A careful business man would not employ a bank cashier, a manager for a store, factory or farm, who had no knowledge of that particular line, but the people frequently send men to the Legislature, who have but slight conception of needed legislation, or the requirements of the state institutions; apparently overlooking the fact that they have power to spend millions of dollars of the people's money.

I expect to introduce a resolution at the next session of the Legislature, submitting a constitutional amendment to a vote of the people, providing a four year term for State Representatives. If this resolution shall pass and is approved by the people, the Legislature would always have at least 45 experienced members.

Another abuse, is the perfunctory manner in which the joint committee from the House and Senate, investigate and report on the needs of the various state institutions. In place of appointing members with a view of their fitness for the position, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate usually pay a political debt, by appointing members who desire to be placed on a certain committee.

Provision should be made for one or more committees, composed of members of well known business judgment and honesty, to make a thorough investigation of all state institutions, during vacation, and submit a detailed report to the next Legislature, of their needs and the amount of money necessary for their maintenance. Such a committee should of course, be paid a reasonable sum for their services. From half a million to a million dollars can be saved the state by every Legislature, by the exercise of business methods, and honest effort, on the part of its members.

The future growth and development of Oregon, depends in a great measure, on the reclamation of its arid lands; but the 1913 Legislature in my opinion, established a dangerous precedent when it appropriated nearly half a million dollars to take over a bankrupt irrigation project in Eastern Oregon.

A few years ago, the reclamation service, made a thorough investigation of what is known as the "Malheur Project" in Malheur county, and reported that 100,000 acres could be reclaimed at a cost of \$42.00 an acre. Now let us suppose the business interests of Malheur county, should ask the next Legislature for an appropriation of \$4,000,000.00 for this practicable project, I wonder if the members who voted to establish this precedent, would vote consistently for this appropriation, in order that all sections of the state may be treated with equal fairness.

All of these projects are of vast importance to the future greatness of the state of Oregon, but in justice to the tax-payers of other sections of the state should be left to the reclamation service, which has diverted LARGE SUMS OF MONEY collected from Oregon to other states.

A forty day session as provided by the state constitution which was adopted more than 55 years ago, is entirely inadequate for the careful consideration of the vast amount of business that comes before a Legislature of the present day. The last session considered nearly 1000 bills, besides many memorials, resolutions etc. It is to be hoped that the constitutional amendment providing for a longer session, will be adopted at the next election.

The writer joined with President Malarkey in a resolution, at the last session, proposing to submit to the people a constitutional amendment limiting the members to five bills each but the resolution was defeated in the Senate.

I now suggest a commission (with no additional pay) consisting of Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer and Commissioner of Labor, to examine all bills and report to the Legislature their opinion of both the desirable and undesirable features of each measure. This would enable the Legislature to cut out many unnecessary, and unconstitutional bills.

The general appropriation bill is considered, in the committee of the whole and no record is published of the vote on the various items contained in the bill. All bills should be considered in open session, and a strict record kept of the vote, of each member, so the people might know to what extent their own representatives are to blame for excessive appropriations.

Every general appropriation bill contains many items which should be reduced, or cut out, but this will never be done until the bill is considered as above suggested and the Governor given power to veto single items of bill.

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