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THE ASSESSMENT LAW. After reading the various communications which have been published in the EAST OREGONIAN during the past few weeks...

A STORY OF CHRISTMAS. Governor Pennoyer Works for His Friends, the Sons of Labor, with Success. From the Portland Oregonian, Rep. Organ.

Governor Pennoyer managed the labor vote so well that he ran into the governorship of Oregon with it. He owes something more than ordinary to those who cast that vote...

On Christmas day, as the governor was dispensing from his pious board, there came a telegram from Wallis Nash, who is prominently connected with the Oregon Pacific railroad...

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These are a few of the outlines of a bill which has been prepared, and which will be presented to the legislature for its consideration.

GOOD SUGGESTIONS. Governor Hill in his message to the New York legislature used the following simple words for which he is justly entitled to and will receive the commendation of every honest man:

"The necessity of some change in our election laws, whereby the increasing corruption which has become incidental to our elections may be prevented, is imperative. It is believed that the late Presidential election was the most corrupt of any in the history of the country...

So far as the direct use of money was concerned in influencing the electors, and public sentiment is naturally awake to the desirability of some relief. The peculiar causes which induced this immense corruption are apparent. Anxiety to subvert selfish and private advantage rather than the general interests of the public naturally led to the campaign being conducted upon alleged business principles...

whereby it is asserted that electors were bought and sold like goods and chattels in open market. It is claimed that at least \$100,000 were expended in the Twentieth and Twenty-Fourth Congressional Districts in this State, in efforts made therein to elect Congressmen and to secure an election believed to be favorable to the policy of fostering private interests...

So successful have been the recent efforts at corrupting the ballot that good citizens were led to doubt whether the full and unbiased sentiments of the people would not continue to be nullified through corruption whenever and as often as it appears that the interests of the people conflict with those of monopolists, who, profligate with their money, are intent upon resisting all interference with their selfish and arrogant demands."

Governor Hill recommended that by joint resolution the legislature urge Congress to adopt constitutional amendments regarding the Presidential term and provisions for ex-Presidents. Governor Hill's recommendations are:

First—That the term of office of the President and Vice-President shall be six years.

Second—That the President shall be ineligible for re-election.

Third—That the President shall, immediately upon expiration of his term, become a member of the United States Senate for life, and receive an appropriate salary. This amendment shall apply to all living ex-Presidents.

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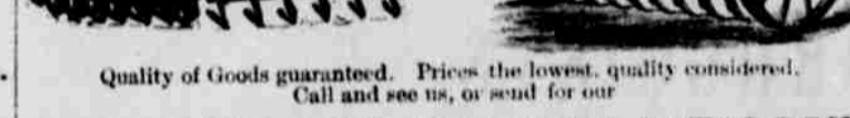
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