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THE GOVERNOR'S VETO SUSTAINED.

The House yesterday sustained Governor Pennoyer's veto of the Portland water bill by three majority, there being only thirty-seven votes cast in favor of the passage of the bill over the Governor's veto.

A good many people would say, having a limited knowledge of the rules of arithmetic, that seventeen horses could not be divided among three men in the following proportions: One-half to the first man, one-third to the second, and one-ninth to the third, without cutting the horses in pieces, but it can be done.

One of Governor Pennoyer's style of men would at once begin to argue that it could not be done without brutal murder of two or more of the horses, which would destroy their lives and value to all mankind.

This problem of the division of these horses at one time in the long ago caused considerable hard feeling among three brothers, and when they were about to resort to blows in making the division, one of them, who believed in the use of peaceable means before physical force was resorted to, proposed to lay the case before a neighbor, who was up in the science of arithmetic.

He proceeded to his pasture and from there took a horse, a worthless animal, and led him to where the seventeen horses in dispute were. The brothers at once saw that the division would now occur without the least trouble, but they did not see the advantageous result to the man who had the necessary knowledge to make the division.

There were now eighteen animals instead of seventeen, as before, so the first man received one-half of eighteen, nine, and he went away perfectly satisfied that he had received justice and a little more; the second man was given one-third of eighteen, six, and he went away perfectly satisfied too, having received a third of a horse more than what he thought is due; the third man received one-ninth of eighteen, two, and he departed perfectly satisfied, but as he left the corral he was thunderstruck to see

the largest and best horse of the seven-teen standing there and a little while afterwards he saw the man possessed of the greater knowledge lead the animal away.

Being an eye witness to the transaction it set him to thinking, and he observed that the first man received nine, the second six, and the third two, each more than they ought to have had, so it looked to him, and yet the total was seventeen, the original number to be divided.

To the writer's mind Governor Pennoyer has prevented the citizens of Portland from receiving something of value to them and has conferred no benefit on the people of the State. He has divided the horses by cutting them in pieces, thereby destroying their lives and value.

He is not to blame, personally, for his veto, for he performed what he thought to be a duty, earnestly and conscientiously, and moreover, what he did was consistent with his other acts and views on the questions of the day, and that is more than can be said for those who voted in favor of non-taxation of \$1,500,000 worth of Portland water bonds, and who believe in the taxation of the products of labor and in our present system of taxation.

Governor Pennoyer has a valid excuse, but these men have none at all, having voted for self-interest, or less still, because others prevailed and influenced them to do so.

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