

# GOVERNOR JUDSON HARMON OF OHIO

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**C**OLUMBUS, O.—[Special.]—When the bribery charges against members of the Ohio general assembly exploded with the suddenness and force of a bomb and sent scores on a hunt for lawyers Governor Judson Harmon took the same view of the personality of guilt that he did when he reported to President Roosevelt that Paul Morton, a member of his cabinet, had been guilty of the Santa Fe railroad. "Guilt is always personal," said Harmon to Roosevelt, and he resigned his commission to investigate rebating because Teddy was inclined to shield Morton.

A few hours after the bribery charges were filed the Ohio executive sent out an order that no man should be spared in the legislative hoodluming investigation. Party and even personal friendships must be set aside, the governor said, and the entire situation cleaned up.

Throughout nineteen years of continuous control Republican state administrations, when charges of irregularities were made involving members of their party, assumed the attitude, "They are our thieves, and we must defend them." There is an Ohio statute which grants immunity to every

citizens had been demanding and pleading for in vain for decades.

The supremely important achievements of the Ohio Democracy under the leadership of Governor Harmon may be divided into transactions and legislations. First, for the elimination of graft; second, such reform in the tax system as will protect the taxpayer from the tax sinner and will compel corporations to stop dodging taxes and pay along with all individual property owners; third, the application of business methods and economy in public expenditures, and, fourth, the enactment of purely non-partisan laws for the benefit of the entire people, irrespective of political parties, and designed to make rule by interest seeking corporations extremely difficult and rule by the people easy.

After he became governor two years ago Mr. Harmon quietly began his investigation of the methods by which public money had been looted by Republican state treasurers. He learned they put interest earnings in their pockets. There followed in rapid order suits against the estate and bondsmen of W. S. McKinnon, former state treasurer, for \$116,785 and interest thereon; against former State Treasurer I. B. Harmon and his bondsmen for \$211,721 and interest thereon. They were

vote for a Republican for United States senator if the people by their votes declared for a Republican," the governor told this committee during the conference. "I would be proud to do it. I would simply be doing the will of the people." One of the committee suggested the Oregon plan was undemocratic. The executive replied, "It's the very essence of democracy to put the government back into the hands of the people and let them say whom they want for United States senator."

Governor Harmon took a new tack and had a similar measure offered in the house, the Wyman bill. That body passed it and sent it to the senate, where the governor finally got sufficient Republican votes to save it.

Ohioans had demonstrations recently that their judiciary, one of the most sacred institutions of a free government, had been invaded by party bosses in their inordinate thirst for power. Instead of being places where the people could turn to invoke the penalties of the criminal statutes on those who had offended certain courts were being used, in cases where men of vast political power were concerned to shield violators from the vengeance of the law.

But the general assembly took a long step forward from boss domination of the courts by enacting a bill providing in the future that all Ohio judges from the dignified gowned justices of the supreme court down to the humble laymen who sit as justices of the peace, shall be elected on tickets absolutely free from party emblem or device. Nominations may be made by conventions, but the power of bosses to control nominations was broken by a clause in the bill which says that nominations may not be made by petition. There is not another such law in the United States.

Ohio has been hampered by the crude, unwieldy machinery of a constitution which was adopted in 1851 and the subject of making a new or organic law is the biggest and most important proposition that has come before a Buckeye general assembly in many years. Get-ship hands were being outstretched to selfish ends of the constitutional convention to be held in 1912 when Governor Harmon took charge of the arrangements for it and succeeded in getting through the general assembly a bill which will remove the delegates from political influence and make them responsible to the people only. So well did he manage the campaign that Ohio will set a precedent for all other states to follow when they come to rewrite their organic laws. Nominations of delegates will be made by petition of delegates, and nominees will be elected on ballots absolutely free from party device or emblem of any form of party designation. The liquor question, which has been a spot in Ohio for six years, will be finally settled when the new constitution is adopted.

The state when Governor Harmon grasped the reins of government had nineteen penal, reformatory and benevolent institutions, with the responsibility of governing them divided among nineteen separate boards of trustees, three members to a board. They were so conducted as to secure neither economy nor best results.

These trusteeships all honorable positions and eagerly sought after, had been used as a sort of currency to purchase nominations and to repay the boys who had delivered votes in conventions. The trustees appointed an independent and all subordinates and these combined to furnish the dynamic power for the steam roller which the late Mark Hanna and Boss George B. Cox used to crush the life out of rebellions against the rule of the G. O. P. machine.

Governor Harmon's idea was that "the state maintains for charity a certain state establishments for charity and that at every selfish purpose should perish at their doors."

Acting on this principle, the governor framed and forced through the general assembly a bill placing all employees of the institutions ranking below superintendent under civil service rules. The nineteen separate boards of trustees and nineteen stewards under this law were legislated out of office, and the duties of the fifty-seven trustees



GOVERNOR HARMON CATCHES FISH AS WELL AS VOTES.

were placed in a single board of four, while a single fiscal agent replaced the nineteen stewards.

The advantage of purchasing supplies for all institutions in bulk and the reduction in employees will save the state \$500,000 a year. This law makes it possible to utilize the work of the men and also creates a market for their manufactured products by

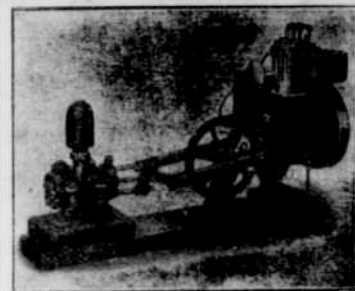
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The compulsory provisions which made the New York act unconstitutional were not incorporated into the Ohio act. Instead the employer could elect either to pay into the compensation fund or not to pay. If he should not avail himself of the law, however, the employee may sue for damages for injuries, or his legal representative in case of death may maintain the action. And in such suits the employer is deprived of the common law defenses of fellow servant rule, assumed risk and contributory negligence.

### Silk Creek News.

Lloyd Owens is very sick. It is thought to be inflammatory rheumatism.

Gladys Damewood visited at the home of her grandparents last week.

Bert Fawcett finished drilling a well at his home the first of the week.

Mrs. Burcham returned Saturday from a visit to her friend, Mrs. Tom Allen.

Geo. Gildersleeve and wife who have been very sick with sore throat are about again.

Many of our people attended the Memorial services at Cottage Grove. They were excellent.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Babcock returned Saturday evening from a visit to friends in Lynx Hollow.

The young people's Missionary Volunteer Society met Friday evening at the home of W. W. Gildersleeve.

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## COLLIER HAS BEEN ELECTED.

Harry H. Collier has been elected a member of the executive committee of the American Poultry Association. This is the first time that a poultryman from the Pacific Coast has ever been on the board. The new officers as elected were as follows:

Reese V. Hicks, president; S. J. Hooper, Texas and L. D. Audiger, Tennessee, vice presidents.

S. T. Campbell, Ohio, secretary. The executive committeemen were Charles H. Bryant, Massachusetts, Harry H. Collier, Tacoma, Washington and Earl Hemmenway, Michigan.

The annual meeting for 1911 will be held at Denver, Colorado, during the second week in August. This is the farthest west that the American Poultry Association has ever met.

Speaking of his election Mr. Collier says:

"This is the first time that the coast was ever recognized by the American Poultry Association and we certainly appreciate the honor. Washington is getting a reputation in poultry second to no state in the union when population is considered. This climate is ideal for poultry and we should be exporting instead of importing poultry."

"I shall do my best to bring the American Poultry Association's annual meeting to San Francisco during the Pacific Panama exposition. I suppose that the organization will go to either Boston, Massachusetts or Atlanta, Georgia, next summer. The poultry men vote by mail and it will be up to the membership to settle all meeting places as well as officers."

"When I go to Denver I will certainly let people know that Washington and Oregon are on the map."

Mr. Collier has been engaged to judge the following poultry shows this fall and winter: Salem State fair; Oakland, Calif., Bellingham, Wash., Petaluma, Calif., Twin Falls, Idaho, Pomeroy, Wash., Port Townsend, Wash., Kennewick, Wash., Missoula, Mont., Jerome, Idaho, Wendell, Idaho. These shows will be judged in the order named.

### Lorane Items.

Crops are in fine condition. Miss O'Mara attended the box social recently.

Mrs. Singlebaugh, of Milwaukee is visiting her son.

Miss Effie Crow left last week to attend the Rose Carnival in Portland.

Miss Isabella Billings has just returned from a visit with her brother in Eugene.

The box social given at Lorane very recently was a decided success. A musical and literary program was rendered very ably by various members of the Grange Lodge. After the entertainment, J. D. Humphrey auctioned the baskets which brought a substantial sum. Mr. Darling, secretary of the Orchard company gave a short talk on the plans of the company. He also answered several questions in regard to the prospect of a railroad passing through the valley.

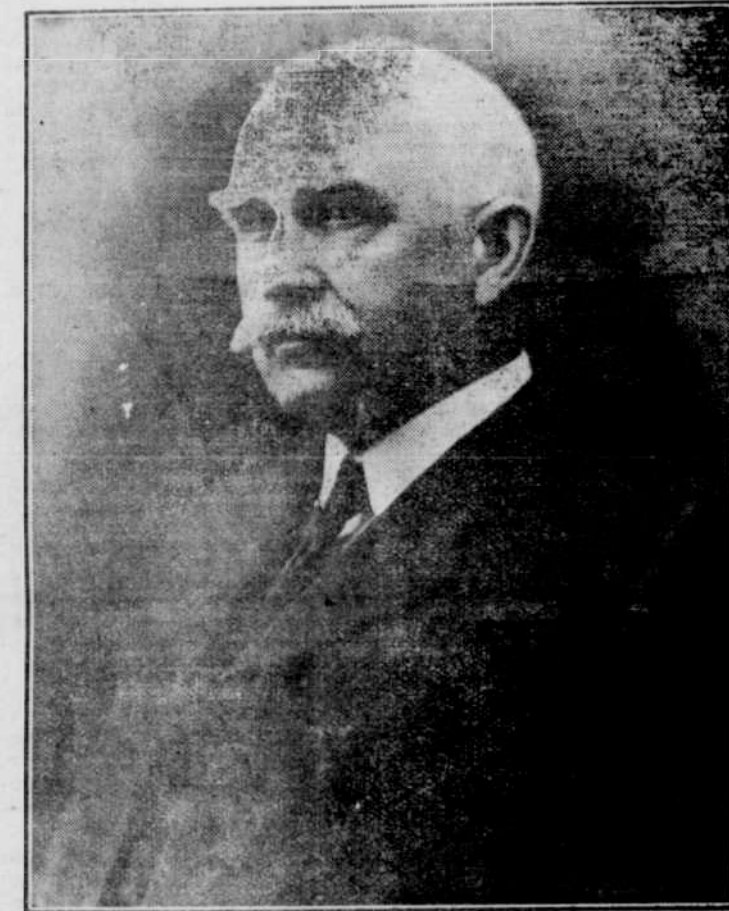
### Ten Per Cent Money.

I have two good houses in the prettiest location in Cottage Grove, now paying 10 per cent on the investment, and I offer them on that margin and will guarantee them to pay 10 per cent. Who wants to make some easy money? The property is worth nearly double what I will ask for it.

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one who testifies before a legislative committee, and this law, together with a whitewash bill, had prevented any Republican law violator from being held before a court of justice.

Naturally there was a great rush by distrustful members for legislative immunity. But Governor Harmon promptly pulled the plug of the immunity bathtub and prevented any one bathing in its soothing waters by insisting that no legislative investigating committee be appointed and that the inquest of the grand jury be the only probe.

Indictments were returned against seven members of the general assembly and the sergeant-at-arms of the senate, and these cases will take the same course as that of the most humble citizen who becomes involved in criminal charges. A coterie of Democrats who had been fighting the governor's bills were among the members indicted.

In less than three years of his administration Governor Harmon has made a record of accomplishment unparalleled in the history of Ohio politics. He has wrought more progress for the people than was accomplished in the forty years that preceded him. There has been written into the statutes legislation that the enlightened

Republicans. Another graft investigation brought forth the exposure, prosecution and conviction of Mark Slater, former Republican state printer, on graft charges in lesser degrees; the settlement of an interest claim of over \$5,700 on funds carried in the bank for former Republican State Auditor Walter D. Gullbert and the filing of a claim for over \$31,000 with the receiver of a defunct bank at Columbus as an interest charge on funds carried in that bank by Mr. Gullbert as auditor.

These revelations during the governor's first term awakened the civic conscience and paved the way for his subsequent re-election. The Democrats captured the general assembly at the same time.

Then Governor Harmon renewed his efforts in behalf of certain bills two Republican general assemblies denied him.

The most notable achievement accomplished by the executive during the legislative session was the enactment of the Wyman bill, including the Oregon plan of nominating and electing United States senators.

A conference committee was appointed to frame a compromise senatorial nomination and election bill. "I would

### SOME HARMON EPIGRAMS

Guilt is always personal. I would vote for a Republican for United States senator if the people by their votes declared for a Republican, and I would be proud to do it, for I would simply be doing the will of the people.

The party emblem in municipal elections is an aid to the ignorant and those who corrupt voters and no help to upright and intelligent electors. Both parties would be better off if they were kept out of purely municipal elections.

The people who support the government have to economize. Why should their public servants not do the same?

It is not the existence or discovery of wrongdoing that brings shame to a state, but failure to put a stop to it.

We must make the state government more broadly useful, for its powers are ample to grapple with many things which have been developed by new conditions.

There can be no relief so long as the interests which profit through tariff laws are allowed to frame them.

A lawyer's honor is his crown, and no hand but his own can ever dis-crown him.