

Senator Gowan's Salary Bill.

Mr. Gowan's bill to reduce the salaries of county officers is not confined to his own county (Harney) but takes in the whole state. We presume the Senator, if successful in getting this bill through, expects to pose as Oregon's economical legislator, and have his name made illustrious and emblazoned on every "kitchen mantle piece" in the homes of this state. We are not in the fight for any county except our own, and we are persuaded to believe this bill of our very worthy, economical Senator is not endorsed by a majority of our citizens, but think the Senator, himself, believes it meets with the approbation of the majority of our people, and by this means he hopes to gain, at least, a part of his lost prestige. An ardent advocate of the free and unlimited coinage of silver when it suited him to be so, a gold lug "howler" of the radical "stamp" in the last presidential campaign in the hopes of getting a governmental appointment which he is figuring on at the present time, but not at a reduced salary, he now comes to the front as the great Legislator Economizer in the light of a dig at the salaries of our county officers. Economy is a good thing in most cases, but there should be a limit even to this good thing. It has only been a short time since county officer's salaries were taken up by our legislature and a complete, and we suppose, satisfactorily adjustment made.

His bill purposes to allow county clerks and sheriffs from \$1000 to \$2000 per annum, owing, we presume, to the geographical location of the county. This county will come under the \$1000 schedule. County treasurers are to be reduced to the valuable consideration for services rendered to \$300, a magnificent sum for talent and business qualifications. The potentate judges will have to occupy the throne on a salary of \$500. If Mr. Gowan was a county officer this kind of legislation could not fail to please him, because economy is his watchword and he is the "goldbug" friend to Harney county's taxpayers. There is no doubt but that this bill will be appreciated at just what it is worth by our citizens and the framer for all he's worth.

When we take into consideration the work that must be done by the officials of Harney county, the salary paid is little enough, and there is no one any more familiar with this fact than Senator Gowan himself, and we sincerely hope our legislators will consign this voluminous document gotten up by the Senator more for notoriety, than from pure motives and earnest belief of overpaid officers, to the legislative archives where many more such have found a resting place.

Blind staggers is killing horses in Alsea valley. R. S. Bradley, of Benton county, lost his best team from the disease. Other horses in the valley were affected and a few other deaths are reported.

Several senatorial aspirations were caught in those terrible snow

drifts and frozen so hard they can never be thawed.

Perhaps the new batch of foreign complications in connection with the Nicaragua Canal is responsible for the report that Sherman is thinking about refusing the Cabinet job after all.

Won't our republican friends stop postponing the date set for the arrival of general prosperity? First it was immediately after McKinley's election; then it was on inauguration day, and now it is to be "when the new tariff law goes into effect." This sort of thing is calculated to make people believe that the republicans have no pull on general prosperity.

There seems to be considerable doubt as to the ability of Billy Mason as a statesman, but a general agreement that he has no superior as a blackguard. And that is the man sent to the Senate from the great state of Illinois.

The men turned down for McKinley Cabinet portfolios will soon begin to shout for Reed.

The name of General Robt. E. Lee will be remembered when that of Congressman Hicks, of Pa., who recently made a speech at a Washington G. A. R. meeting slurring at a celebration of Lee's birthday, shall have been entirely forgotten.

There seems to be quite a stir in several states because the rich dodge their taxes. Officials who are not afraid to compel the wealthy to comply with the law would go a long ways towards stopping such dodging.

Mr. Lyman J. Gage, of Chicago, should have waited until he was certain of the Treasury portfolio before attempting to outline a financial policy.

It isn't complimentary to the republican Senators for McKinley to say, as he did recently, that he wanted Hanna in the Senate to get the tariff bill through.

There is a lesson for the bloody shirt worshippers in the election to the U. S. Senate of an ex Confederate by Kansas populists. Ingalls should study it well; he may therein learn one of the reasons for his own failure to get even the empty honor of the republican caucus nomination.

The other fellows are doing the kicking, but Mark Hanna will succeed Sherman in the Senate all the same. Lots of the kicking is being done for effect.

Rob Ingersoll finds blackguarding the Bible and religion more profitable than practicing law, and has given up the law so as to devote his entire time to money-making.

How little it takes to make a sensational lie was once more proven by the Charge the Assistant Secretary Curtis, of the Treasury, was employed in a legal capacity by the Spanish government. Mr.

Curtis has a brother who is a member of a law firm which has acted as legal adviser to the Spanish Consul in New York.

The 600 men employed by the Illinois Steel Co., which has closed its Milwaukee plant, have their own idea about those prosperous times of which McKinley was the advance agent.

The editor who says that if Hanna gains a seat in the Senate it will be "by fair, straightforward fighting" is either unacquainted with Hanna's methods or very anxious to get a Federal office.

Whitelaw Reid would not worry so much about Platt's election to the Senate, if he wasn't sure that it means less pull for Reid with McKinley.

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