

The "Economic Senator."

In an issue of the Salem Journal, about the middle of last December, reference was made to the amount of mileage paid the "Economic Senator" (Gowan), stating he was paid \$234. The constitution of our state allows three dollars for every 20 miles, measuring, of course, the shortest practical route. Our knowledge of the distance from Burns, the senator's home, to Salem is from Burns to Canyon City 70 miles, from Canyon to Heppner 195 miles, from there to Portland 199 miles, from Portland to Salem 52 miles. Add these distances together we have 426 miles from Burns to the State Capitol. 426 divided by 20 and multiplied by three dollars gives \$63.90 or if the Senator gets pay both ways going and returning, we have \$127.80 \$234 minus \$127.80 leaves \$106.20. How does the "Economic Senator" account for this extra amount? Was he required by some legislator, only known to "economical senators," to go out of his way to notify members of the legislature that the "Oregon Law Grinding Machine" would convene on a certain date and they were expected to be in attendance? If that be the case we presume he is excusable, but if not he should remember his watchword, "economy."

In the Senator's all absorbing interest for the welfare of Harney county's taxpayers as well as the taxpayers of the whole state this mis calculation of figures or miles should be corrected by him, and further, if he succeeds in getting his finger into the government money crib by appointment to some fat, remunerative position, he should notify the national executive department that he is getting a salary more than sufficient for his economical way of living and petition congress to "swipe off" at least half of it because of the poor taxpayer. He certainly cannot find it in his heart of hearts to impose on the poor taxpayer as to receive a salary above his family needs.

The sketch given the "Economic Senator" in the Oregon Blue Book says he was a warm supporter of Dolph, that is correct, and further, it states, he stands firmly by his constituents; this part, so far as Harney county is concerned, we say "nix." He did get a malit'ic company in this county of which he was captain and the only notable "strike" he made during the life of this company was to attend Sunday school on one Sunday afternoon, and in part time the superintendent and teachers to meet in the morning instead of the afternoon, because afternoon meetings interfered with his time for drill. The old ladies ruled the captain out of order and out of the church. At the expiration of the term of service for the militia company, the Captain, knowing his re-election to be impossible, disbanded the company and dispatched, with all possible haste, the uniforms and other equipments back to headquarters, though requested by some of his officers to hold them a short time until some

information regarding re-organizing could be obtained, but probably the Captain thought there would be some expense attached to the proceeding and his economical nature could not entertain the request.

The ordinary employes at the White House have not been affected by past changes of administration, but McKinley has already begun giving out the places.

It ought to console many republicans who are disposed to kick over the selection of Lyman J. Gage to be Secretary of the Treasury to know that President Cleveland, for whom Gage voted three times, endorses the selection.

It was perfectly fitting that the Cleveland democrats should be rewarded for their aid to McKinley, but nobody supposed that the reward would be as big as the Treasury portfolio.

Perhaps Nevada will in time send prize fighters to represent the State in Congress.

Br'er. Wanamaker must have been shy on insurance, or he would not have felt called upon to announce his intention to build a church to show his thankfulness for not having been burned out.

Tom Platt and Matt Quay went to Florida about this time last year to make plans to prevent McKinley's nomination; they are now in Florida again, probably to make plans to compel McKinley to give them their share of pie.

The success of Gen. Alger in at last running down a cabinet portfolio is but another illustration of the truth taught by the ancient poem about "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

It is said that Gage accepted the Secretaryship of the Treasury by the advice of a spiritualist medium, and that he intends trying to run the machine under the same guidance. Whether spiritualism will be better or worse than republicanism is yet to be ascertained.

It will be noticed that those republicans who are after office are already beginning to talk about the need of a general reorganization of the civil service of the government, which is only another name for replacing democratic employes with republicans.

If such a thing were possible, Washington society ought to feel somewhat abashed at the failure of its attempts to lionize Mrs. Dominis [ex-Queen Lil] and "Conroy" Vanderbilt.

At this time when cattle buyers are as plentiful as jackrabbits, the men who have a few head of bovine stock to dispose of are the best fixed class of people in the land, for that is about the only property now that is in demand for cash. This particular community has about exhausted its supply of marketable cattle and buyers are pushing over into Harney county.—Vale Advocate.

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