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GOVERNOR JUDSON HARMON OF OHIO

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COLUMBUS, 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 granting rebates while an officer 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

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. Cameron and his bondsmen for \$211,721 and interest thereon. They were 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. Guilbert and the filing

The Mascot of Sweet Briar Gulch

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PETE, THE BULLY.

Felton. "Now, what do you say if we go across the street and—er—discuss this matter a little further?"

"Go you," replied Felton.

"Now, Jimmy, you sit here for a moment. We're going on some business."

The boy glanced at them sharply. "Youse fellers is goin' to get a drink," said he.

Those big men put their hands on their sides and roared.

"You'll find that kid worse than a wife, Felton," said the agent.

"No use of our being hypocrites to the little chap. I reckon he's seen worse things than the inside of a saloon. Come along, laddybuck."

They lined up and partook. The agent told the story of the wail. "And we started him off with fifty, Mac," he said to the saloon keeper. "Suppose you break away from some of your ill gotten gains in the good cause."

The saloon keeper opened his cash drawer without words and slid over a five dollar bill. He seemed very glad to part with it.

"Confound it! Now we're upsticks again," said the agent. "Tell you what let's do. Here's ten of us. Each



AN ANGRY GROWL WENT UP.

said he. "They've got me looney, dat's wot. Yer've used me liker frien' and if it holds yer yer can kick me pants fur me, and I won't say nuthin'."

"Well, there's two pound and a half of dead game sport for you, all right!" cried Benny. "Good eye, kid!"

Happy Jack smiled a mollified smile eight inches wide. "You is all right, leaw," said he. "An' as fur as my bel'n a nigger's concerned, I'll admit my terpection ain't light." He slapped his ham and brought down a foot on the platform. "Hyah, hyah!" he roared. "You bet dere ain't no dam' blood 'bout me!"

The infectious darky laugh started the others off and brought matters to a common sense footing.

The passenger agent took up the interrogation. Was the man the boy's real father? Answer—"How'd I know? Dat's der song he giv me." Were there any relatives, friends? Answer—"Naw." Well, what did the boy propose to do? Answer, digging his toes into the boards—"Didn't know—any'fing." What was his name? "Jim." Jim what? "Didn't know. Sometimes der gun callt himself 'Darragh' an' sometimes 'Mulla' an' sometimes 'Smitt.' Aggh! He callt himself the foist ting dat come to his tongue. He didn't have no real name."

The agent talked to him a bit more, winding up by saying kindly: "You've had a pretty rough time of it, Jimmy, and we'd all like to give you a lift. Now, just say what you'd like to do and maybe we can fix it."

"I'd like to go along wid dat feller 'r he'll take me," replied the boy, tossing a thumb toward Jim Felton. There was a becoming access of shyness in his manner. Moreover, Felton had an increased interest in him when he knew they bore the same name—a sort of kinship, as it were.

"Well, it's up to you, Mr.—" said the passenger agent, with a smile. "Felton," said Jim. "I'm in. I'll take the boy. Hard rustling down my way, but I guess we can make out somehow. Sure you want to go, kid?"

"Yessir!" very heartily.

"Done, then!"

Happy Jack snatched off his uniform cap, spat on a bill and flapped it into the bottom thereof.

"Goodby, fren'," said he. He shook the cap in front of the others. "Here's fur the lit' rooster. Step up to the capen's office an' settle, gents!" he called. "Member what de Bible says, 'Foot an' his money soon parted.' Come up! Come up!"

They came up generously. "Stick a five in there for me, Bill," said Benny to the passenger agent. "I'm strapped."

"How much you got, boy?" asked the agent as Happy counted the money.

"Forty dollars, even money, Misto' Breckenridge." The agent was a bachelor with a fat salary. "Here, that makes it fifty," said he. He turned to



HAPPY JACK.

man put up a two and we'll shake the dice to see who gives it to the kid, winner to set 'em up. That'll make seventy-five, a very respectable figure."

They played a new interesting dice game in which the figure of a pig drawn in chalk upon the bar furnished the "layout." It is a game which increases in interest to the last throw. They stuck the saloon keeper and were gleeful.

"We ought to name the boy," said Felton under the inspiration of the second refreshment. "My name's Jim, and I want something else to call him by. I'll make him a present of my last name."

"Gad, that's so," replied the agent. "Call him Chescheela Jim," put in a cowman. "That's Injun for 'little Jim.' 'Ches' ain't a bad nickname."

"Mac, hand over one of those toy sample bottles of California fix," said the agent. "We'll put this craft down the ways in shape."

Felton broke the neck off the bottle with a tack hammer and poured the wine on the boy's head. "I christen thee Chescheela James Felton. May you become a good, seaworthy craft and not fill your skin with this stuff when you grow up," said he dramatically.

The small boy squinted up his eyes to keep the wine out, then he shook the liquid from his hair, looked up and grinned.

"Youse fellers is reg'lar kids," said he.

"Lord, that's a great boy!" said the agent. "He's the oldest man in the crowd. Say, let's give him a white man's start, beginning with a bath."

The whole party went to the barber shop and made the darky proprietor dispense a bath and a haircut for nothing.

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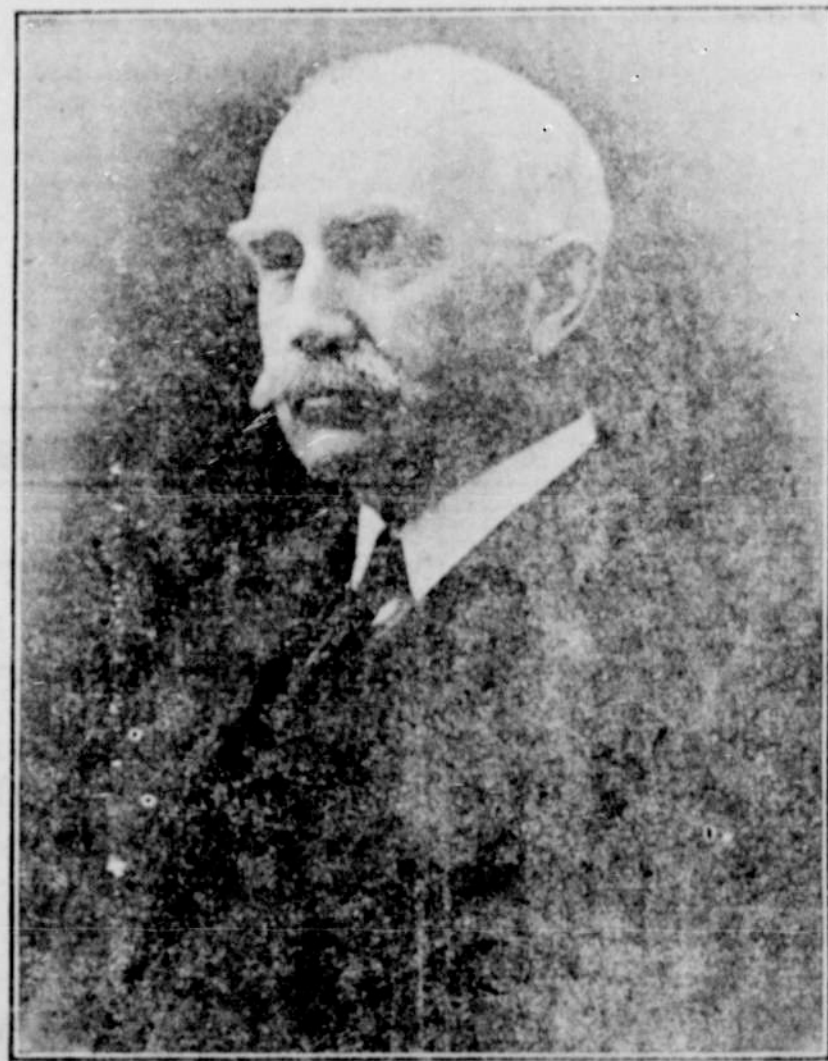
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one who testifies before a legislative committee, and this now, together with a whitewash brush, had prevented any Republican law violator from being noted before a court of justice.

Naturally there was a great rush by distraught 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 request 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 citizens had been demanding and pined 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 spender and will

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. Guilbert 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

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."

(Continued next week)