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Honestly Done.

We again refer to the fact that while the legislature was in session, The Examiner declared its belief that there were more Normal Schools in the state than were useful, and that we hoped the legislature would take the same view of the subject, and disestablish one or two of them.

Members, however, took a different view of it, and so all were left in legal existence.

These institutions were established years ago, and must be admitted, by the people. It is also true that the people had not, in any way, directed the late legislature to take their legal existence away from them.

To speak of appropriations made for these schools, under the circumstances, as graft, thus imputing dishonest motives to every member who voted for them, is in the highest degree, dishonorable and unjust.

We don't believe one of these schools asked for more than was needed, if their work was to be continued. We don't believe the faculties and governing boards of these schools are mere grafters; all of which must be proven, and that the legislature had knowledge of the facts when voting for the bill, before we can consent to the truth of the charge of graft applied to the Appropriation. We venture also to believe that the entire people in the counties where the schools are situated approve of these appropriations, and this body of hard working farmers and mechanics are also necessarily characterized as grafters.

We also believe that there is no man now speaking of appropriations for these schools as having been prompted by a bad motive, who, if he had been a member of the legislature from any county having one of these schools, would have voted against an appropriation for its benefit.

Whole Hog or None.

Should the appropriation bill be submitted to the people for approval or disapproval under the referendum, they will necessarily have to defeat the entire bill if any part of it. In doing this they must deny the insane asylum \$87,000; the reform school, \$10,000; the state school, \$3,000; the blind school \$5,000; the state university, \$22,500; the Agricultural College, \$65,000; and the Soldier's Home, \$2,200. Mr. Dunbar has said that these claims, though ever so urgent, would be disallowed if the law were defeated.

The Examiner cannot aid in doing this, though it does believe we have too many Normal Schools, and yet does not believe there was any corruption in the passage of the appropriation bill, and no cause to rebuke the legislature, with such results.

The greatest satisfaction we have experienced for a long time, connected with our work as publisher of The Examiner, is derived from the fact we are privileged to place in this issue of the paper the card of The Lake County Business Men's Development League.

Senator Fulton has been assured at the Department of Justice that no charges of material importance have been made against Jack Mathews, and that he will not be removed from his office of United States Marshal, without notice to the Senator.

It would be folly to condemn all the institutions of the state to suffer because we are dissatisfied with the Normal School appropriation. The action of the people on this matter should be such as to discontinue such schools as are not useful, and continue proper support to all others. We took this position at first, and stay with it.

There is now some rumors that should two-thirds of the membership of each house of the legislature sign an agreement to meet, if a call should be made by the governor for that purpose; and pledge themselves to repeal the present appropriation bill, and pass separate appropriation bills for the institutions, and not take up other legislation, and shall pledge themselves to do this without pay, Governor Chamberlain would not look with disfavor on a meeting of legislature in extra session under such circumstances.

It seems clear to us that some body at Salem, who has been favoring referendum, is now trying to scare Yamhill away from it, by creating the belief it will not accomplish their purpose. Wonder who this is. We believe Governor Chamberlain knows.

The evidence introduced in the investigation of charges against Chief of Police Hunt, show beyond doubt, that he had knowledge the law was violated every night. Yet the Journal is confident a whitewash is already prepared for the Chief. Is there no way to investigate the whitewashers?

Does the Governor Regret His Course.

Certainly, from dispatches sent out from Salem, Governor Chamberlain is beginning to see that he has no reason to be proud of the effect certain to follow the disapproval by the people, through the referendum, of the appropriation bill.

The Governor allowed this bill to become law when his judgment was against it, with the view to getting the referendum action on it. Now he seems to think he would like to give the legislature a good spanking by compelling them to sign a pledge to assemble at his call and serve without pay, and to do exactly what he might have caused them to do while in session, simply by following his conscience, and doing what he should have done. If the governor had made no threats, about disapproving the bill, and yet, had quietly done it, the legislature would necessarily have done what is now expected to compel them to promise to do, before calling them to meet in extra session;—pass separate bills. But, it must not be forgotten that Governor Chamberlain prepared the way for referendum action, before he consented to allow the bill to become law, and he well knows this proposed legislative extra session, while it would relieve him of his just share of blame for putting in jeopardy appropriations which all agree are proper and much needed, he cannot prevent the people from acting under the referendum in any matter when they wish to, and he might cause all the expense of a referendum election on one or more of the bills passed by the extra session.

We will all honor ourselves by striving to bring about action of the people in this matter by initiative, if we must act in some way. We believe the legislature in passing the bill did what they believed right, and Governor Chamberlain did not believe the bill should become law.

If he had followed his judgment and vetoed the bill, he would have placed himself beyond criticism. Now, he is in the attitude of having played at politics, while the legislature must be credited with having acted in accordance with its judgment.

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The question of the open or closed shop is the one on which organized labor is most insistent, and it is the one in which all law is against the view of labor.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds in my hands to pay all outstanding warrants protested prior to and including March, 11th, 1905, and interest on same will cease after this date. March 16th, 1905.

F. O. ANSTROM.

Lake Co., Ore. County Treasurer.

An election in the Surprise Valley High School District, upon a proposition to bond the district for \$8,000 to raise money to erect necessary buildings, was held last week, and resulted 261 votes for to 12 against. This district has little more than one half the taxable property that Lake county has.

The legislature of Kansas, satisfied that the facts were not discovered by men intrusted by commissioner Garfield to investigate bad trust affairs, has asked the President to ignore the report of the commissioner and appoint more competent men to do the work of investigation over.

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