

# PLAIN TALK FOR SCOTT

## He Joins the Populists in Bitter Abuse

### OF THE LAST LEGISLATURE

#### To Screen the Evil Doings of His Own Pets.

Under the heading "Lessons from the hop fields," and "They should enforce economy in our public affairs," the Portland Oregonian copies the following article on its editorial page from the Salem Evening Post:

When the next legislature meets, we hope that every member of it will not fail to remember the hopyards as they present themselves to him this year. In every hopyard he will see men as good as himself, and women too, as well educated, as well qualified for clerical work, as moral, as intelligent, working for \$1.20 a day and boarding themselves, trying to make money at day pay taxes. When the gorgeously dressed women and girls from the cities present themselves asking for clerkships at \$3 and \$4 a day for work that can be done at 50 cents a day, let them not forget that this is a country where aristocracy should be unknown, and where the poor girls who are now in the hop fields should have an equal chance with those in the cities.

Let them remember that in the fall of 1895, big, honest, educated men, stood by the side of little children in the hop fields, from morning till night, trying to clear 80 cents a day to pay the salaries of men, no better than themselves, who expect from \$5 to \$10 a day for clerkships in a season of the year when they have nothing else to do. Let our big salaried officials who can build themselves fine houses after being in office two or three years, think of the poor women and children who are trying to keep body and soul together in the hop yards and who have to contribute of their scanty earnings toward those lordly mansions which never fail to appear after a term of office. \* \* \* We want no useless commissions, no spongers, no parasites, no leeches any longer sucking the life blood out of the people. \* \* \*

And what will the hop pickers themselves do when the time comes to elect to the legislature? Lay back, and allow every hypocritical pretender, every slimy demagogue, to again pull the wool over your eyes by telling you how he feels for you, and when he takes his seat gives his first vote for a clerkship at \$10 a day? Probably that is what they ought to do. They ought to give their support to no man whom they cannot trust; to no man who will not pledge himself to cut down the appropriations to all our state institutions to the lowest possible notch; to no man who will not clean out the Augean stables and admit a purer and better breed of animals. This is what they ought to do, and what they must do if ever they are to retain their homes, educate their little ones, and take their rightful place in society.

We desire to call attention to the hypocrisy of the Oregonian in quoting the above from our esteemed Populist contemporary.

We do not say Populist in any offensive way, because there are some as good men as we ever knew in that party. But we say Populist because the editorials in the Evening Post are written to be afterwards used in the Weekly Independent, which is the Populist state organ. We wish to emphasize the political mendacity of an alleged Republican paper, for uniting as it does with the Populists to blacken the whole legislature, when the only ring that was recklessly extravagant with the people's money was the old element faction that alone met the approbation of the Oregonian newspaper. That legislature was not the worst Oregon ever had. It did some really good work for economy and reform, as the record will show. It might have done a great deal worse. A great deal

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of very bad legislation was killed. But the legislature did not do what was promised the people in the State and County platforms of the Republican party. Very strong reform platforms were drawn up in Marion and Multnomah counties. Evidently men got onto those platforms who had not the slightest intention of being bound by them. They got onto the ticket by practices best known to machine politicians, with no intention of giving the people the new deal promised them, nor to practice the economies agreed upon.

The Oregonian should expose such men, instead of uniting with the Salem Post in denouncing the whole legislature and blackening the entire Republican party. While the general public is led to believe that the whole legislature was rotten, reckless and extravagant, the Oregonian is screening and defending the political pets whose arms were into the state treasury up to the elbows, and denouncing men who lay up to their promises and took not a dollar wrongfully.

Is Harvey Scott a hypocrite, or is he misinformed? Is he a fool or does he wish to deceive the people of Oregon as the true character of the last Legislature? Is he afraid to tell the truth, or does he propose to take advantage of his only daily newspaper at the city of Portland to screen the extravagance and corruption of the old machine wing of the last Legislature? Fortunately for the people of Oregon the dividing line on economy and extravagance was so plainly marked out that even a fool can see just where to put the responsibility for misappropriation of the people's money, and any man can know just where to place the responsibility for failure to pass needed measures of reform. There were no Democrats in the lower house. The record of that body is clear. The Senate was for Dolph—for the old Portland ring—for the rotten and corrupt machine that has dominated Oregon for twenty years. It had but three Anti-Machine Republicans in it. Among the machine crowd were very few men who cared to even make a record for economy. The rest belonged to the corporation combination that said "the people be Vanderbited!"

But let us examine the record a little. The journals of the legislature are not yet printed. But the facts as to clerical extravagance are well known. The Legislature spent over \$16,000 for clerks, when two thousand dollars should have paid the bill. The forty-two Dolph members whom the Oregonian upheld appropriated over thirteen thousand dollars of that boodle to their friends and relatives. The thirty Anti-Dolph members whom the Oregonian denounced as traitors spent a little over three thousand dollars of that money for clerkship. That has all been published in detail, showing just what member was responsible, but of course not in the Oregonian. It would not dare give the people the facts because the facts and the figures would belie its slanders on good men who went to the legislature to do just what they promised the people they would do, and who would not sell their vote on any question by standing in for legislative boodle.

It is not necessary to discuss with Mr. Scott the nature of the legislation that was proposed by the men in the legislature who come in for his special eulogy. Their charter bill, their state and county salary bills, their printing monopoly bill to give to one newspaper in each county a monopoly of all the public printing; their almost solid vote to keep the railroad commission and all other useless boards and commissions that he wrote the platform agreeing to abolish,—these facts of his favorites in the legislature he will never condemn, but the people will condemn them. But no language is severe enough for him to denounce the men who made a reform record and kept their pledges, and all because they would not vote for Mr. Dolph, but the people will forgive them all the more readily for that. It is to be regretted that your favorites did not in the end stand by your candidate, Mr. Scott. It is probably due to the fact that in addition to the state and legislative patronage, you did not have the federal office at your disposal. The boards and commissions were kept to fatten your swine. The

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hogs with rings in their noses were your hogs, and were turned in upon the clerkship plunder as of yore: Special legislation in the interest of yourself and pets was proposed but knocked in the head by those whom you condemn, and very naturally; but the postoffices and federal positions were too far away to be deliverable, and hence, many of your own professed crowd deserted you after having followed you up to the last turn of the trail. Surely you ought to thank God that there were thirty men in the legislature who did not reach into the treasury as deeply as did your gang, and thirty men who at least had conscience and honor enough to make a record as they had promised the people and save for the party you profess to serve, a good character and reputation to go before the people on in 1896 and demand a hearing. If you believe what you are saying about the legislature you will not support the ticket for the legislature in 1896, as you are not supporting it now in advance. If you were an honest man you would discriminate and place the blame where it belongs, at the door of the men you eulogize and make believe they did their duty by the people when they were only saving your faction and their own pockets.

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