

IS THE HOLD-UP JUSTIFIED?

The employment of nearly seventy committee clerks in the senate when there is no organization to give them even the shadow of an excuse for the employment they usually have, is an insult to the taxpayer by those who pretend to be engaged in making laws in the interest of "economy."

This waste of money, about \$250 a day, is going on now. If the legislature were organized and work being done, the situation might have some extenuating features. But there is little hope of organization and less possibility. In each house two clerks at \$3 a day each could do all the work we are not sure but persons "not in the union" could be found who would do it for \$1.50 or \$2 a day each.

No doubt younger members of the legislature have been imposed on in these matters by the hooded stripe. In the senate it is declared that two holdovers brought about the raid on the treasury, and the others were forced into it. But it is expensive fooling and shows the utter decadence of the professional old-style partisan. It is Republicanism gone daft. Is it any wonder the People's party and sincere reform element of Republicans refuse to be parties to an "organization" that legalizes such barefaced robbery of the people?

If the thirty senators employ 67 committee clerks, how many would the sixty house members employ if they were "organized" and had the chance? Remember, this 67 does not include the score or more who are employed as "experts" and special clerks of investigating committees that don't investigate. Isn't it time there was a hold-up of the Oregon legislature?

What are the rights of minorities, we are led to ask? There have been acts committed by members of both the Benson and Davis house that are not inexcusable. But we would say a few words about the rights and responsibilities of minorities. Are the Populists and their allies in the house justified in refusing to go into anything but what they call the regular organization, and in employing the constitution as a defense in breaking the quorum? Can they answer to their constituents? We believe the minority party can.

We incline to think they are justified in refusing to consent to organization of the legislature in the interest of the people as they regard it. Very few members are ever returned to the legislature. This is a mistake. Unless a man has made a positively bad record, he is better qualified to serve a second or third time. Rings and machines more frequently return men for the evil they accomplish, than do the people for the good they do. But the people do not make the nominations and have to vote for what is placed before them.

There is a larger number in the lower house directly chosen by the people than ever before and these men refuse assent to repetition of things that have been done in the past which were condemned by the people and by them as a rebuke against which they were sent here, and they would prove recalcitrant to their constituents did they consent by their acts and presence to a continuance of the abuses they have declared they were opposed to. But the Republicans say: It is your sworn duty to come in and organize. Organize what? A swarm of idle clerks? Continue to whitewash the treasury? Smooth over the school land steals? Legalize the unlawful commissions and make more? Elect a corporation senator? The minority will not consent to such things any longer. They will employ the rights they have under the constitution to put blocks before the wheels awhile and stop the wagon running quite so fast downhill. The priority has a right to employ all the

power in the constitution and all the resources of parliamentary law in defense of the people as they see fit. That is the only way to bring a reckless majority party to its senses and throw the discussion back before the people. It is not the doctrine of resistance to properly constituted legal authority but it is the doctrine of non-consent to abuses at which the people have long complained, been repeatedly promised redress and as repeatedly denied relief. These men in the minority unflinchingly refuse to consent to whitewashing and at their own expense decline to submit to the dictation of the old ringsters who have robbed the people of Oregon in the name of legislation and the federal government.

THE SCHOOL LAND FRAUDS.

The last legislature passed a law to stop all sales of school lands until the dissatisfaction surrounding their administration could be cleared up.

Governor Lord appointed T. L. Davenport, who when in the legislature opposed these frauds and was retired by the Republican houses. The report, of Mr. Davenport, is referred to by the Newberg Independent as follows:

"Of all the abuses that have been discovered in the administration of state affairs in the past, perhaps that in the land department is the most flagrant.

To speak of steals in connection with many of the accusations has no weight, but here is a case of systematic fraud and robbery so gigantic that it is simply appalling. That it could have been carried on during an intelligent administration without detection, is inconceivable, and there are those who are uncharitable enough to think that the administration was willing that the frauds should be perpetrated. The following extract from State Land Agent Davenport's report, just issued, will convey some idea of the manner and magnitude of the steal: "It is a fact that during the period from 1887 to 1896 purchasers of lieu lands paid more than the legal rate, \$1.25 per acre. In some instances as high as \$4 per acre was paid; \$1.25 went to the state and the remainder to those in the deal. At the present time the clerk in the state land office can designate from the Cascade reserve, basis for a quarter section of lieu land, in one or two minutes, and does so without any expense to the applicant. During the time before spoken of, the applicant was compelled to pay from \$100 upwards for a very arduous service of designating a like basis from one of the Indian reserves."

Mr. Davenport further states that during the time above mentioned the land rustlers had 133,564 acres of basis lands in Indian reservations, for which lieu land purchasers were nulled in the probable sum of \$250,000 for services, which under the present management of state lands would not have cost them a cent. He further says that not satisfied with actual bases for lieu lands, the rackets connected with the department made false affidavits for the establishment of basis, by which lands were sold to which the state had no shadow of a title. The extent to which the said affidavits were fictitious or fraudulent can be approximately known from the fact that the state's claim to over 50,000 acres of land so purchased

has been outside by the general government. Taken altogether, Mr. Davenport's report is one of the most remarkable documents of the kind ever read in this state.

More About The Expert. Ed JOURNAL—Now that the "expert" has reported the county clerk and recorder deficient, which, of course, is ground for action at law, what position will the county court take in the matter? Upon what ground will the court seek to recover? Neither the clerk or recorder are fearful of an investigation, and if they show by their respective records, which I understand they propose to do, that the several deficiencies were simply the outcome of unavoidable circumstances, in that, the records could not be made to be any owing to the complication of some of the transactions, that the deficiencies are simply natural consequences, what then? It is reported by the expert that there is a deficiency, which is sufficient for action by the court, and this deficiency, it is claimed, is explained by the records themselves, then, what earthly use is the \$1,500 report? The only use it could be put to is to cast a slur upon the officials in charge of the records. As to the complications, any one who has ever kept a set of books, knows that once in a while transactions occur, whereby it is impossible to make the entries show their full meaning, although the transactions were strictly correct and honest. In such a case what will the court do? If it refuses to act, it refuses the report; if it does act, how will they do it? Since the expert gave no bonds, of course, he will be safe from any action for damages.

An interested observer would like the information. ECONOMY. Salem, Feb. 9, 1897. COMMENT. [Our correspondent seems to be a little severe on the expert and forgets that he is merely a creature of the county court, and it looks to a man on the outside that if there is any responsibility it rests with the court and not with the expert. Mr. Banzorth has probably been under instructions of the court, and if he was not, he should have been, and the work he has done is simply what the court asked for. The expert could not have worked seven months nor drawn \$1,500 if the court had not concurred. The question as to what the court will do with the expert's deficiencies is difficult to explain. Whether the court will fish or cut bait remains to be seen. The officers in question say the irregularities can be explained in ten minutes, and that if the expert had consulted them, in many things he could have been saved much labor, and the county spared considerable of the \$1,500 which his work cost.] Ed. J.

W. A. Harris, the populist who succeeds Peffer as senator from Kansas, is an ex-confederate soldier and served on the staff of "Stonewall" Jackson.

The Chicago News had a circulation of 63,899,119 copies last year an average of 304,924 copies daily. The Record printed 52,229,224 copies for the year, an average of 106,580 copies per day.

The last speech made by Senator Dolph in the senate was on the Nicaragua canal question in December 1894. The last speech made by Senator Mitchell was on the same subject, 1897.

Since the seating of the new Democratic senator from Delaware, the United States senate stands; Republicans, 44; Democrats 40; Populists 6.

President Eliot, of Harvard, invites the friends of the institution to chip in and present it with individual endowments to the amount of \$10,000,000.

The first bill introduced in the Utah legislature by a woman representative was aimed at the high theater hat.

Twelve million passengers—that is, the electric cars of Maine carried the whole population of the state 16 times last year.

The Georgia legislature has about completely wiped out all the trusts, but they are all doing business under the new name of associations.

Mother-love is mixed with daily, hourly sacrifice. The love increases with the sacrifice it entails. The more a mother suffers and endures for her little one, the more precious it becomes. She loves it because she has labored and suffered for it. The physical organs concerned in maternity affect a woman's entire constitution to a degree only half realized by many doctors. Women are often treated specially for sick headaches, dizziness, melancholy, or what is supposed to be a liver or kidney affection or heart-disease, when in reality the whole trouble is with the reproductive organs. This delicate and intricate organism and the rational treatment for its peculiar ailments is a life study for the wisest physician. Probably no practitioner living has a higher repute in this special direction, than Dr. R. V. Pierce, Chief Consulting Physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y. His "Favorite Prescription," is the most perfect remedy ever known for all female complaints. It gets at the source of the trouble from the inside. It is not merely temporary, external, local, bolstering-up or palliative. It is a cure. It directly tones and strengthens the internal organs, restores them to health and regularity, and completely banishes the continual weakness, drag and drain which wear out body and mind. Its sale exceeds the combined sales of all other medicines for women.

In every American household, there should be a copy of Dr. Pierce's great work, "Common Sense Medical Advice," not pages, illustrated. One copy sent to any address on receipt of ten cent stamp to pay for mailing only. World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

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THE LEGISLATE. Baker and Malheur—W. H. King (Rep.). Benson and Lincoln—T. L. Davenport (Rep.). Chickamaug—G. C. Brownwell (Rep.). Clatsop—John E. Smith (Dem.). Columbia, Washington and Tillamook—G. W. Patterson (Rep.). Cook, Curry and Josephine—C. E. Hartman (Rep.). Crook, Klamath and Lake—S. Daly (Dem.). Douglas—A. W. Reed (Rep.). Gilliam, Sherman and Wasco—E. B. Duffar (Dem.). Grant, Harney and Morrow—A. W. Gowen (Rep.). Jackson—S. H. Holt (Rep.). Lane—L. D. Driver (Rep.). J. H. McClellan (Rep.). Lincoln—A. Dawson (Rep.). Marion—W. H. Hudson (Rep.). Multnomah—Gen. W. Bates (Rep.). Multnomah—Milton (Rep.). Polk—B. F. Malley (Rep.). Sherman and Wasco—John Mitchell (Rep.). Tillamook—A. E. Price (Rep.). Umatilla and Union—T. C. Taylor (Rep.). Union and Wallowa—James Wade (Rep.). Washington—S. Hughes (Rep.). Yamhill—J. F. Calverham (Rep.). Holdovers elected in 1894. Candidates for president—A. J. Johnson, of Lin. I. L. Patterson, of Marion, and Joseph Simon, of Multnomah.

Baker—D. W. Younkman (Pop.). Benton—John Whitaker (Pop.). Benton and Lincoln—E. B. Lake (Rep.). Chickamaug—W. S. C. Reed (Pop.). Clatsop—John E. Grate (Dem.). N. J. Swindeth (Pop.). Columbia—Norman Merrill (Rep.). Cook—Thos. Durkman (Pop.). Crook and Curry—W. H. Noster (Pop.). Crook—R. E. Misor (Dem.). Douglas—A. M. Crawford (Rep.). J. T. Bridges (Rep.). Gen. W. Riddle (Rep.). Gilliam—J. E. David (Rep.). Grant and Harney—C. S. Dustin (Pop.). Jackson—G. F. Schmidt (Pop.). J. J. Howser (Pop.). Nat. Langell (Rep.). Josephine—Henry L. Benson (Rep.). Klamath and Lake—Virgil Cook (Rep.). Lane—L. Hilgen (Dem.). D. G. Palm (Rep.). T. J. Vaughan (Rep.). Lincoln—John M. Somers (Rep.). Johnson S. Smith (Pop.). T. M. Munkers (Pop.). Malheur—L. W. Hope (Rep.). Marion—H. L. Barker (Rep.). E. W. Chapman (Rep.). David Crane (Rep.). McKinley Mitchell (Rep.). J. N. Smith (Rep.). Morrow—J. N. Brown (Rep.). Multnomah—J. B. Bayer (Rep.). Jonathan Bourne, Jr. (Mitch. Rep.). Peoria—James N. Davis (Rep.). Geo. H. Hill (Pop.). Taxpayers' League (Pop.). H. A. Hogue (Taxpayers' League). Mitch. Rep.—A. L. Maxwell (Rep.). D. L. Povey (Rep.). W. E. Thomas (Rep.). Polk—Henry Wagner (Mitch. Rep.). Polk—T. J. Lee (Dem.). J. A. Venness (Rep.). Sherman and Wasco—E. S. Huntington (Rep.). F. V. Jones (Rep.). Tillamook and Yamhill—John Gill (Pop.). Union Bimetallic. Umatilla—E. J. Davis (Rep.). J. S. Gurdane (Rep.). W. T. Rigby (Rep.). Union—J. W. McAllister (Pop.). S. Stanley (Rep.). Wallowa—C. E. Jennings (Rep.). Washington—Harvey S. Hudson (Rep.). G. W. Marsh (Rep.). J. E. C. Thompson (Rep.). Yamhill—H. G. Guild (Union Bimetallic). O. C. Emery (Union Bimetallic).

*Seat will be contested by J. Huntley, Gold Beach. Candidates for speaker: J. N. Brown, of Morrow; H. L. Benson, of Josephine; Jonathan Bourne, Multnomah; W. R. Riddle, of Douglas. RECAPITULATION. Number of Representatives..... 60 Republicans..... 34 Democrats..... 4 Populists..... 14

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