

SOLDIER HERO IS AGAIN FREE

Message on Way to Captain Bertram Clayton in Far Off Philippines Telling Him His Divorce Suit Has Been Won.



In the course of a few days Captain Bertram Tracy Clayton, U. S. A., whose services in the Philippines have been of a distinguished character, will learn definitely of the success of his divorce suit. The suit arose from the findings of private detectives employed by Clayton to watch his wife while he was away fighting in the Philippines. The wife did not oppose the suit, being anxious to marry again immediately. Clayton is a West Point graduate, an ex-Congressman, and commanded Troop C in the Spanish American War.

PRIZE ARTICLE ON SALARIES

An Appeal to the Voting Population.

Worker Fixes what He Considers a Reasonable Scale of Prices.

ED. JOURNAL:—I have watched with interest, your crusade started for the purpose of bringing about a better condition of affairs pertaining to our state government, and especially to the abuses growing out of the salary system at present in vogue among our state officials; and since you have generously invited opinions upon this subject, and offered a premium for the best article written, I shall avail myself of the opportunity to make a few practical suggestions.

Your appeal seems to be principally to "tax-payers" and "business men," but as non-taxpayers and workmen generally, fortunately still have the privilege of voting, I shall feel free to express myself, so long as I confine my statements to the truth and abuse no one.

Every man, or at least should be, interested in good government. This is a stern duty as well as a privilege. Every individual owes to society his greatest energy and best efforts in the promotion of public welfare. The man who lives and works along these lines is a better citizen than the one who does not, no matter what his occupation may be. Therefore, it strikes me you do the working classes an injustice by making your appeal especially to "tax-payers" and "business men" as if they only were capable of holding a position of public trust, or taking active part in the administration of state government, when the truth is that every "graft" every piece of political knavery known in Oregon for

the past ten years has been hatched by "tax-payers" and "business men" who were at the same time skilled politicians. I have touched upon this matter merely to show that better results might be obtained by appealing to the honor of the voting population generally, and giving each man to understand that the public demands him to do his very best, than by drawing a line and making a plea to the financial interest of a certain class. In seeking men for public places it would be well to remember that the man who is thoroughly honest out of politics will be honest in politics, whether he be a banker or a wood-cutter.

Proper Salaries for State Officers. Just what the salary of each state officer should be, is a hard matter to determine. Anyone living in Salem, however, knows that our state officials are not apt to injure their health by overwork, since each one has as many clerks as he desires—all paid by the state—and takes several months' vacation each year.

In my opinion, \$3000 per year would be a just and reasonable compensation for the Governor. The Secretary of State comes next. There is probably more real responsibility attached to this office than any of the others, but here, again, the state-always generous—furnishes several clerks and assistants, so I will say that \$2500 per year should be sufficient for this gentleman, as I know many men just as good who do twice as much work for less than half that sum. But of course politicians come higher.

The Treasurer, who doesn't have much to do but look wise and lean the state's money at a good rate of interest—which he "knocks down" and calls it part of his salary—ought to be paid with a flat salary of \$2,500 per annum without a single fee attached.

Then there is the state superintendent of public instruction. He ought to take \$2500 a year and look pleasant, since he rides on a pass and has an assistant to help along with the office work.

Now comes the state printing office, of which more has been said and written than any other state department. It is true that this is the most expensive of all the state offices. There is no doubt but that the expense incurred by this office could be decreased several thousand dollars a year by cutting down the amount of printing. But there is probably no printing house in Oregon that can turn out the same amount of first-class work at a lower rate than the state now pays. It is the enormous amount of useless printing such bills, reports, etc., that runs up the expense. Then, too, like all other departments of state, this office is subject to ravages of politicians whose greed knows no limit.

It has been said that the employees in the state printing office receive salaries for in excess of reasonable allowance. The writer worked as a compositor in this office during the last session of the legislature, and can truthfully say that among the forty men employed, not one failed to earn his salary, excepting the "experts." There were five or six of these, each drawing from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per day. Not one was needed. They were appointed by the legislature or through the influence of the state board, and in justice to him, should not be charged up to the state printer.

In conclusion I will say that this is an union office, and the union wage scale prevails and is no higher than the scale paid in most union offices throughout the country. To reduce expense here, cut off all superfluous printing, employ no experts, put the state printer on a salary of \$2500 a year and leave him free to conduct the office in a businesslike manner.

All of these offices are honorable and responsible positions, and none but honorable and responsible men should be elected to fill them. The benefits derived from a term in any of these offices cannot be measured in money, for they confer honors and social standing worth more to any man than the mere salary in connection.

Adjusting the Salaries. As the salary stated in the constitution is inadequate for the state officials, the constitution must be amended, the present fee system continued or men elected to these offices should accept a reasonable amount for their services, and turn all fees and perquisites above that amount in the treasury. The latter plan, I believe, is a suggestion of your own, and seems to be the only logical one for the present, at least.

POLK COUNTY FARMER

Competes for the Prize for Salary Scheme.

He Also Favors Increasing the Governor's Salary.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—You ask through the columns of your paper for articles on what the people think should be the proper salaries for our five principal state officials, namely: The governor, secretary of state, treasurer, state printer and superintendent of public schools. The readers of your paper know by this time what salaries the aforesaid officials are now receiving, therefore it is not necessary to repeat those figures.

After a careful consideration of the duties and responsibility of each office, I recommend the following figures: To be Governor or chief executive of a great commonwealth like Oregon, is a responsible position, and should, I believe, be the best paid office. I think the governor should receive as a fixed salary per annum the sum of \$5000. That is in itself a neat little sum, and makes the governor a very well paid individual.

Then as for the secretary of state, his responsibility is not so large and his salary should be rated accordingly. I believe the sum of \$4000 sufficient for the duties and needs of that office.

The office of treasurer is, I believe, next in responsibility to that of the governor, but as his position is rated below that of secretary of state, it would not do to pay him more than that official, and, therefore, I believe he should receive \$3500 per annum.

The office of superintendent of public schools is, I believe, the least responsible of the five, and his salary should be the lowest. I believe the sum of \$2500 per annum would make him a well paid official. As for the state printer, he should receive, I think, a sum not exceeding \$2,500 per annum.

These above named salaries would make these various officials well paid men, indeed. Then the fees and perquisites now received by these officials could be turned into the state treasury and when their salaries are paid, there would remain enough to pay these same men several annual salaries. I believe this question will be made an issue in our next election, and the party that inserts it in their platform, will receive the support of the people in general.

Stop the graft, save the money, and conduct an honest administration. LOTT D. BROWN.

Dallas, Or., Jan. 23.

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HAS CROKER'S RESIGNATION A STRING

William Jennings Bryan Says Boss's Retirement Means Regenerated Tammany — Dr. Parkhurst Thinks Croker Will Come Back.



Croker, the retired "Boss," L. P. Nixon, Tammany's new head. Different authorities hold different views as to the importance of the "abandonment" by Richard Croker of the leadership of Tammany Hall. Bryan says the succession of Lewis P. Nixon means a regenerated Tammany. Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, however, is very sceptical about the Boss's retirement from the theatre of New York politics and thinks he is likely to drop into Tammany Hall suddenly at any time.

Heive the same salary, namely: \$4000 per annum.

And now the state printer, the best paid man of the five, his responsibility is not great, the duties of his office and position are not great, therefore he should receive a fixed salary not exceeding \$3,000 per year, for that sum alone would make him a well paid official. As for the state superintendent, he should receive, I think, a sum not exceeding \$2,500 per annum.

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EARL AND LADY GREY HERE

Beautiful Countess Has Figured in Two Noted Scandals and Earned Fame as Tradeswoman.



Lady Grey, the famous English titled beauty, is in this country on a visit. Her husband, the Earl, is with her. Lady Grey is well known to the people of this country on account of her recent venture into the world of commerce by "running a public tea shop" in London. She has also figured in two noted London society scandals. She has been twice married, and betrothed at least four times.

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