

# HARVEY SCOTT SAYS THERE IS NOTHING IN IT

## An Editorial that Throws Cold Water on the Salary Reform Plank

**ADMITS THE FEE SYSTEM IS VEXATIOUS, DEMORALIZING AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL**

**Admits the Bill May Be Pushed Through if Some Gets Mad Enough About it.**

**OREGONIAN SAYS THERE IS NOTHING IN SALARY REFORM.**

We print below a remarkable editorial utterance from the Portland Republican paper, that throws cold water on the flat salary plank of the Republican state platform.

Why should this one plank be singled out for a cold douche, when it is the only plank in the whole platform that has any practical significance to the common taxpayer?

Has the Portland Republican paper had a tip from the state house that this plank of the state platform is fraught with danger to the fees and perquisites of some gentleman under the dome who is getting about \$15,000 a year for ordinary clerical services?

Is there "nothing in it" that the state officials are getting about \$50,000 a year more than a good business management would require for doing the same work?

Is there "nothing in it" that the constitution is violated openly by men who take an oath to support and defend the constitution?

There is something in it that such a system should have grown up in this state, when it has been under the ministrations in public affairs almost exclusively of such a newspaper.

There is something in it that such a newspaper should now say there is nothing in it—no matter what it means by the statement.

What does it mean so early in the campaign that the salary reform plank should be selected for a cold-water editorial? It means that here is a reform that no one will be paid a cent to fight for it.

This reform will have no hired orators or newspapers to back it on the final rally to carry it into effect. It has to be won upon merit, and without boodle or lobby back of it.

The Journal does not believe that Harvey Scott himself would be indifferent about salary reform if he knew the size of the grafts that are now being carried on.

(Following extracts are from a leading editorial in the Portland Oregonian, Friday, April 4, 1902, entitled "Nothing in It.")

There is one plank in the Republican state platform for which The Oregonian bespeaks a friendly but not too zealous consideration. It is the one on salaries for state officers. It is an implied pledge, but, unless we mistake, it has a hard row to hoe in the way to redemption. It is essentially altruistic. It doesn't warm the hearts of any considerable fraction of the boys. IN SHORT THERE'S NOTHING IN IT.

Where is the man who is going to take off his coat and invest time and money in some effort to save the state treasury from a system of vexatious, demoralizing and unconstitutional fees? Who is going to pay out good money to some lawyer to draft such a bill? Who is going to sit up all night learning a speech in its favor? Who is going to trade his vote for president of the senate or speaker of the house in return for a favorable committee report on salaries for state officers?

We do not wish to be unduly pessimistic or unjust to anybody, and possibly we are in error about this matter. That is, maybe there is some hope of reward about this proposal which has escaped us, and may yet lead to rotatory and even action. In such case the project will have a reasonable show of overcoming that constitutional inertia of legislators which has so far effectually prevented this perennial blooming reform from coming to fruition. Or perhaps somebody may get mad about it and push the bill through—which would be best of all, and would sufficiently reward this outburst of long-suffering disappointment.

### THE LEGALITY OF THE FEES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

"The last biennial report of the secretary of state recommends some very good things in the way of new laws to raise revenue."—Journal.

The readers of The Journal have been led to infer that all the revenue heretofore raised had not succeeded in getting that from department to the treasury.—Reader.

As fees and perquisites in any form

are specifically inhibited by the constitution of this state, there can be no legal fees or perquisites whatever collected by that official under state laws and lawfully retained by that official.

In certain cases the law has designated that 40 per cent. of the fees shall be turned over to the state treasury, as the law directs. There is no reason why all other fees shall not go every cent into the treasury.

If a suit were brought to restrain the secretary of state from retaining any of the fees and perquisites attaching or adhering to his office, which he now retains, the courts would be compelled, under the plain reading of the constitution, to order him to pay over all fees and perquisites to the treasury, and if the state legislature saw fit it could pass a law and give increased salary, but no fees whatsoever.

The constitution, plain as words can state, says the state officers shall receive no fees or perquisites whatever. By implication it says they shall receive no salary, except that which is provided by law.

Under Mr. McBride, as secretary of state, a vast network of fees and perquisites was built up. These were simply retained and "enjoyed" by his successors without objection on the part of anyone, but not because they were legal.

All the revenue collected by the secretary of state, or any other official, acting under state law and authority of the constitution, belongs to the state, and not to the official.

Because an abuse is of long standing, because Geo. W. McBride and others had the ability to saddle upon the people a system of fees and perquisites that are simply colossal for impudence, is not a reason why such wrongs must be endured forever.

The Journal has proven from the constitution and from the writings of as able a lawyer as judge Stephen A. Lowell that not a dollar of fees or perquisites can be taken by any state official legally.

No one denies this proposition, and it cannot successfully be denied, and the taking of fees and perquisites that are forbidden is only tolerated because the people have been too much in the habit of letting the political managers do about as they pleased.

But at the inauguration of a new four-year administration the people should make a stand and demand that the fees collected from them should go where they belong—into the state treasury to relieve taxes.

### THE INFLUENCE OF THE PRESS IN EDUCATION.

The influence of the press in education may be regarded by some persons as a commonplace one, yet there are many seemingly commonplace things that are of vital importance. Air and sunshine and water are commonplace things, but they are vital things.

The newspaper that the carrier brings to the door every evening for

the trifling sum of two or three cents is, in one sense, a commonplace thing, but in another sense it is one of the most vital, energizing factors that comes into our daily lives.

The forces even that enter into the production of the modern newspaper take it out of the realm of the commonplace into the marvellous.

The invention of the linotype, an amalgamation of the words, "line-of-type," has greatly facilitated the art of printing, and cheapened the cost. So perfect is the action of this wonderful machine, so intricate its workings and so remarkable the results that it seems as if endowed with human intelligence. It is one of the marvels of the age, and the name of Ottmar Mergenthaler will go down in history as one of the great inventors of the nineteenth century.

But the great triumphs of modern journalism are not alone in the mechanical art.

Its literary contributors are among the ablest thinkers and writers of the day. And why? Because they can reach through these channels an enormous number of readers. The author who writes a book is considered fairly successful if its editions reach five or ten thousand. If ten thousand, it is a cause for unusual congratulation, and if a great wave of popularity carries it to the one hundred thousandth edition he has won phenomenal success. But the article in a large metropolitan daily may find, on a conservative estimate, a million and a half of readers every day. And then there are the great newspaper syndicates that are constantly sending out into more remote sections the writings of our best authors for reproduction in country papers, and the news association, whose office it is to collect and distribute news from all important points. All of these facilities for imparting information and acquiring knowledge are due to the progressive spirit of modern journalism.

"As a man readeth in his newspaper, so is he." Next to the Bible in the home is the influence of good newspapers; the secular one that represents the politics of the father, and the religious one that stands for the Christian faith of the mother. In these latter days while the daily papers are found in nearly every home, a subscription to a weekly religious newspaper is too often neglected.

That there is much to condemn in modern journalism every one admits; nevertheless, the press of this country is just as progressive, moral and intelligent as the times and the people permit.

### THAT LITTLE SONG, "BEN BOLT."

Thomas Dugan English, the author of "Ben Bolt," has just died at an advanced age. He lived to see the little song of his making familiar wherever people speak the language in which it was written. The words in themselves have scant merit, yet they embody the pathos which appeals to human understanding, and the music with which they have been associated is full of melody.

In common with many other songs, "Ben Bolt" will not bear analysis. Its sweet Alice must have been a silly thing, extremely unpleasant to know. The sort of girl who would weep with "delight" when given a smile, and "tremble" with fear at arown may have been popular once, but she has long been out of date, and there is fervent hope that the style will never be renewed.

"Ben Bolt" was current during the childhood of the parents of the middle-aged of today. It would have been forgotten save that De Maurier revived it to bedeck the picturesque and impossible Tribby. As a feature of this book, and afterwards important in the dramatization, given to audiences already moved by the action of the play; sung in a rich, full voice, it easily assumed the aspect of a gem. The tenderness of the sentiment is not to be denied, and the recollections stirred by the recitation of the scenes of a vanished youth always touch a susceptible point in humanity. It is natural for the mind to be carried back, and "Ben Bolt" with its suggestion of sorrow and of joy, proved a suitable vehicle.

If Doctor English ever accomplished anything else in letters except the somewhat humdrum work of the journalist it did not become of record. He led a useful and active life, marked by accomplishments, but it was along other lines of endeavor.

### PRINCE HENRY AT HOME.

When Prince Henry gets home: Emperor William—Henry, vot is der national anthem of dem Americans? Henry—Wacht Am Rhein; anyway, dot is all I heardt, Billy. Emperor—Vot is der capital city of Amerika? Henry—Milwaukee. Emperor—Vot is der national game? Henry—Boker. Emperor—Vot is der chief broduct of der country? Henry—Botticlians. Henry—Vot is der form of government? Henry—Loose in der house of representatifs and prize fights in der senate. Emperor—Vot is der population? Henry—Dree—J. P. Morgan, Andrew Carnegie and Mark Hanna. Emperor—Who is der boss? Henry—Roosevelt.

### STATE PRINTING GRAFT.

Now the Biggest Thing in Politics—What Honest Father Canaway Says of it.

(From the Dayton Herald.) The following we take from the

Capital Journal, of Salem: "According to figures printed in that paper the total appropriations for state printing and binding for four years ending with 1902 were \$126,465.31, not including deficits that may appear at the end of this period. Besides this there were other printing bills and estimated expenses for water, fuel, light and contingent expenses amounting to \$16,744.82. This would make an annual expense of \$38,000 for this purpose. The expense of state printing and binding has constantly increased, and the above does not include expenses for printing and blank books done in some departments of the state government. This is the most lucrative office in the state. State printers have sub-let the state printing for 40 per cent. of the proceeds, and got rich."

At present the state printing office is owned by Frank Baker, (of Portland) ex-state printer. It is kept free of rent in the state house. Whoever is elected state printer will have to rent the plant of Mr. Baker and pay him about 25 per cent. of the proceeds for the use of the same. The secretary of state is custodian of the state house, and supervises the printing and binding, and buying of paper. The printing office was never located in the state house until Mr. Baker was elected state printer. Under a business administration of the state printing and binding the work really required by the state could, in the opinion of competent judges, be done for \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year. Tons of printing are sold for old junk, and the office is conducted more from the standpoint of swelling the volume of business to the largest possible amount than from the standpoint of printing actually needed. The printing office is a menace to the state house in other ways than financially. The presses shake the walls, and the large stores of paper and waste saturated with oil and ink are a source of fire danger. The state printer should be put on a flat salary, and the office be removed from the state house. At \$2,500 a year a competent man could be secured by the people—no candidate would refuse the office."

The above gives facts with which the majority of voters are not conversant. The way the state printing is conducted at present it is a detriment, and injury to the printing business of Salem; as the Journal states. And why should the state furnish rooms for a printing office free, especially to an ex-state printer who, while in office, made enough money clear, during his term of office, to buy a good farm and considerable more, besides living at the "top of the pot." By what right and authority is a part of the state house used for a printing office? Give the state printer a stated salary, and move the printing office away from the state house; state officers may object to this, but, with modern conveniences, telephones, etc., it is not necessary to make the printing office an adjunct of the capitol building, where it has a corrupting influence. Some will ask, Why so? Take note. Just before state conventions, see frequent visits made to the capitol by candidates for state printer—also candidates for other state offices. And then how handy the state office in the capitol during session of the legislature is for any little "put up" jobs. Another question: Why should the state be at the cost of printing books, etc., and then sell them as "old junk." Tons of state printing matter has been shipped to Capitol City as junk. Why should this be?

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