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THE FLAT SALARY ISSUE.

Governor Geer briefly calls attention to the fact that the demand for flat salaries for state officials was found in every state platform, and expresses the hope that the legislatue will not adjourn and leave this promise unfulfilled.

He calls attention to the fact that all present state officials were elected upon this pledege, and hence can urge no objection to the passage of such a law at this session to take immediate effect.

Governor Chamberlain in his message goes into the subject of flat salaries in a masterly manner. Geer gives the subject seventeen lines while Chamberlain devotes to it nearly six pages and annihilates one argument after another against the proposition.

Geer ignored the disposition of the fees, while Chamberlain not only demands flat salaries bue proves the unconstitutionality of state officers taking any fees or perquisities whatever.

He shows that the demand for flat salaries grew out of the necessity for greater economy, and that the duty of accepting the enactment of a flat salary law devolves upon all state officials.

Governor Chamberlain shows great ability in handlin the constitutional questions involved.

He proves that the salary clause of the constitution permits an increased flat salary to be enacted above that fixed in the constitution.

He has the courage to say that the fees, perquisites, salary and salaries now received by state officials is "entirely disproportionate to the services rendered the State."

He shows that the Supreme court of Oregon held, in an opinion by Judge Deady, that it is competent for the legislature to increase or decrease the salary of any official.

One after another the snow men constructed by shifty politicians who wanted an excuse for maintaining the grafts in our state government melt under the fiery rays of his relentless logic.

The constitution being a limitation of powers, the legislature cannot give less than the constitutional salary, but has discretion to give more.

This destroys the whole rotten-straw fabric of those who are sticklers for the present abuses on the ground that the legislature cannot do right.

He quotes from a decision by Justice Wolverton to the effect that full power for all purposes of carrying on civil government vested in the legislature is the rule.

He proves that the constitutional convention declined to limit legislative action in this matter of fixing state salaries, its clear intention being to allow any succeeding legislature to raise the minimum.

It should be remembered that the strict construction of the consititution has been relied upon by those who seek to defeat the flat salary reform. That specious argument has caught many Democrats.

But here comes a straight-laced Democrat who proves that any fair construction of the constitution permits a flat salary law to be enacted and there ought to be no more Democratic opposition to this reform.

Chamberlain has an argument for Republicans to consider as well. He quotes from a message to the legislature by Governor Lord showing that it was entirely within the province of the legislature to raise a state officer's salary to a just and proper amount.

We here quote in full the words of Governor Lord, for many years Justice of the Supreme Court:

"It is entirely within the constitutional province of the legislature to raise the salary to such sum as is just and proper in its judgment, and the best lawyers and judges—some of whom served in the convention that framed the constitution—have expressed opinions on this subject with a unanimity that could not exist if there were any doubt of the constitutional power of the legislature to do so."

In concluding his message Governor Chamberlain declares that if the pledges of the platforms are carried out all state officials, except the printer, can be put on reasonable salaries and all fees put in the treasury, to the great saving of the state.

The new Governor of Oregon was elected upon that issue and he solemnly declares as his conviction that:

"It is a moral duty incumbent upon you (the legislature) to enact a law placing each and every of the officers herein named upon salaries commensurate with the services rendered, not to be increased or diminished during their incumbency, and requiring all fees to be paid into the treasury as a part of the general fund, such act to take effect at once."

If the argument of Governor Chamberlain is conclusive, there is not a shadow of a doubt but that this legislature can frame a flat salary law and put it into effect at once.

The Journal contended that a special session was necessary to enact a flat salary law which would be in effect when the new state officials entered upon their terms, and that would have reached the state printer too.

But there seems to be nothing in the way of enacting a flat salary law and placing all fees in the treasury at this session, if the members are so minded, that will apply to all state officials except the Printer.

According to the legal aguments of the new Governor, backed up by the constitution and supreme court decisions, the State Printer is one state official who receives all his pay open and above board over the top of the counter.

Governor Chamberlain has rendered the state a great service in making these matters clear to the people. The flat salary fight has just begun and will be won by the people. he hired men of the state should be paid a fixed sum in each case and then the people can learn just exactly how much each one is receiving.

AN ORGANIZED OPPOSITION.

For a number of sessions The Journal as an independent paper has plead with the minority party to present an united front on reform measures and against scandalous jobs in the legislature.

Two years ago our counsel was not heeded and the only purpose of the organized Democratic party seemed to be to cast a party vote for several false-alarm statesmen for United States Senator.

When the big jobs were log-rolled through they could not unite against them because a number of the brethren had a piece of the pork, and finally a lot of the opposition helped the Republicans out of their dilemma by electing Mark Hanna candidate to the United States Senate.

It is to be hoped the brethren have learned by experience and will not be caught napping again. If they are there will be a still greater decline in their numbers than there was in the past two years.

There is no excuse for the minority, even small as it is, not presenting an united front to grafts and putting all the responsibility for bad legislation on the majority party where it belongs.

There is an element of honest and decent Republicans whose stomachs turn against things too rank, and the push and boodle elements of the majority party then have to recruit from the Democracy.

Once they get the men who were elected on reform platforms scattered they get them to make black records before they know it, and then on the ensuing campaign when the majority are charged with delinquencies, they turn around and say the Democrats were no better.

If the eighteen Democrats in the legislature would stand like a wall of rock for their own principles and ideas of government they would become of some real use to the people.

The people would point with pride to their noble example in the general assembly and say, there are men we can trust and we will send them back and send more like them.

That is the way opposition parties are built up and there is coming a time in the history of the state when they will be needed to protect the people, and if they are further weakened and disorganized by playing at the same games as the Republicans the people will turn to them in vain for relief. They will not turn to them at all and that is what ails the Democratic party in Oregon.

STATE PRISON REFORM.

In the appointment of a superintendent of the state prison, Governor Chamberlain needs seriously to consider certain reforms that are imperative at that institution.

An appointee who would be indifferent to the moral and sanitary conditions of he convicted men under his charge, would be unfit to hold that place, and none such will be appointed.

There have been statements published about the bad drinking water affecting the health of the prisoners. There may be something to that, but all know that in the old part of the prison there is not enough fresh air to breathe with two men in the small cells.

During the coming term some provision must be made to force more air through the corridors, as well as a better supply of drinking water. These are simple propositions of humanity.

For the credit and good name of the state, flogging should be abolished and the prison should be made so secure that it would not be necessary to shoot men down who try to walk off when there is a chance.

All chances should be removed. The prison should be made more secure, and the whipping post should be abolished. It is a disgrace to the state and degrades and demoralizes t he prison force as much as it does the convicts.

These humane reforms can only be made possible when a man of sufficient intelligence and moral and Christian character is made superintendent, who will say these abuses shall be righted.

The governor will do well to not tie the hands of his appointee, by dictating the appointment of his subordinates from the class of low and loud politicians, who imagine any one is good enough to handle prisoners.

With the prison made more secure, with better air and water, with a system of making appointments of subordinates that will give the superintendent absolute control of his force, there are possible great improvements in this branch of the service.

LABOR AND THE SALEM GREATER SALEM CHARTER.

It is not surprising, that nearly the entire body of the organized labor unions of Salem, favor the passage of the Greater Salem charter. There are six to seven hundred members of the unions, and they are practically a unit for the charter as it is drawn.

The charter is a very progressive, fundamental law for our city. It is as sound as language can make it against all kinds of grafts and jobs, against the revenues of the city, and yet it permits expansion and improvement.

It is a labor charter, in that it protects laboring men in their rights to fair wages and shorter hours, and gives the people the Initiative and Referendum, and all rights of public ownership possible.

The primary rights of the citizens are to have honest administration, clean streets and good sewers, and light and water at the lowest possible expense.

Why should not organized labor fight for a progressive charter that makes possible the blessings of modern invention to rich and poor alike. At present only the most favored classes have city water and light.

Municipal ownership of water and light, as soon as the city is empowered by this Greater Salem charter, are possible. It is possible to get light and water at much less than the present rates, and yet make these public service franchises produce great revenues to the city.

Under the new charter a premium will be placed on improvements in the suburbs. The citizen who wishes to grade his lot, take down his fences, park the street or build walks, can be protected.

Grading lots, constructing sewers, making streets, building sidewalks and improving premises will give employment to labor, and with a greater wage fund and steady employment of laborers and mechanics we will keep our money employed at home, and bring more people to Salem.

At present there is a yearly enlistment of young men and heads of families who go to other cities to seek work. Soon their families follow them. That builds up places like Portland and Seattle.

Salem can never strike the upgrade of rapid growth and development until we not only employ all the laborers we have, but draw laborers from all the surrounding country to come here and live.

At present not over one-third of the city proper is in the city limits. Outside of that, citizens make improvements at their own peril. Cows and horses run at large, breaking down walks, demolishing shrubbery, and even making it unsafe for ladies and children to be on the streets.

At night all is in inky darkness, and when a fire breaks out all the citizen can do is to save his life, and let the property burn. The cemeteries are exposed to all kinds of shameless vandalism. Flowers and vases, and even palings about graves are stolen in the absence of all police protection. The cemeteries are not supplied with city water, and cannot be cared for in this respect, unless provision is made as provided in the Greater Salem charter.

The spirit of improvement and of beautifying our city is to be fostered and intensified by the adoption of the Greater Salem charter. That spirit alone, will make our city what it should be—the most beautiful residence city in Oregon.

JOURNAL X-RAYS.

The dark horse in the senatorial fight, is getting lighter.

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Fulton is getting more out of Geer than Geer is getting out of Fulton.

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Well, thank Providence, Windy Bill Smith isn't in this legislature!

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Governor Chamberlain never puts off to-Morrow what he can do today—at least in appointing a land agent.

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There is one Bourne from which the traveler returns—and does it over again.

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Senator Mulkey says, "let us appeal to our consciences," a high court, but one that can not enforce its judgments.

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The way people are buying and reading The Journal they seem to enjoy a paper that is not wrapped up and securely tied with a string.

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Curtis, the Astoria editor, who was a member in 1895, and who has at all sessions helped make and kill more bills than the average member, is a clerk in the senate.

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The Journal gave the senator-makers the addresses of all the members, and some who had hitherto escaped will now no longer from the potent midnight call be exempt.

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Hon. R. D. Hunt is expected to be in his seat next week, and then the war for the extermination of the fish may proceed. His nets gather everything from silversides to senatorships.

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It is believed that Senator Fulton has had a seance with the great Oregon editorial mind-reader at Portland since his return from Yewrup, and found that some one had been there before him.

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rooster, the Hon. D. M. C. Gault of Washington county, who has often roasted us for our kickikng propensities, is developing into something of a kicker himself. In fact, he almost leads the van and seems to be in possession of the only well-assorted collection of distinctively populistic propensities in the lower house.

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The kicking bunchgrassers are lame in saying they have no federal or state offices. They have the state treasurer, who is from Klamath county, and not a bad man, either. They have Chamberlain's first appointee of any moment—Col. Morrow, of Morrow county. Fulton had himself nominated from Eastern Oregon, and if they land him they will have the best cuts off the butcher block in the federal offices. Eastern Oregon is doing pretty well.

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