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### WAITING TO BE SUBSIDIZED.

Bill Simkins wuz a worker, somebodies name about 6 o'clock, Sixty round the grocery store, where he'd talk, and talk, and talk. Lawed that he could 'compish wonders ith th' cradle an' th' plow. An' said maybe, if chance offered he would shrewly show us how. But when asked to give a reason for his busy, shrewly ways O' Jim' never doin' nothin' but a wastin' of his days, Bill would blink his eyes a mimit then would say as if surprised, 'I'm a wastin', boys, on congress, for I must be subsidized.

'What's the use o' takin' chances?' Bill would ask in anxious tones. 'What's th' use o' wastin' muscles or a rackin' ov yer bones?' Then he'd settle back a grinnin' in th' ol' spint-bottomed chair. One hand reachin' out for crackers, tother nussin' up his hair. An' next day he'd keep a loafin' an' th' rest of us would sweat for th' clothes that we wuz wearin' an' th' little that we et. 'Taint no use o' workin' that way,' William Simkins he surmised; 'Send petitions down t' congress an' we'll all git subsidized.'

An' at last we got t' th' that perhaps of Bill was right, An' we made up a committee for t' try an' furnish light On this thing that Bill had mentioned, an' it wasn't very long Till we found him right, by hector, a n' th' rest of us wuz wrong. An' we all just took t' loafin'; nary load o' grain we'd haul 'Cause we knowed it didn't pay us, an' we didn't work at all. An' we're join' t' keep on loafin' till the country's paralyzed Or our trusty old farm wagons like th' ships, is subsidized.

### JUDGE TANNER'S DISBARMENT.

The decision of the supreme court sentencing Judge Tanner to a disbarment of ninety days was a proper rebuke to unprofessional conduct. That case revealed a low standard of political and legal ethics prevailing among so-called prominent members of the bar. The testimony in the Mitchell trial and the perjury case against Judge Tanner all revealed a departure from the ideals that should exist. Too many members of the bar and men prominent in state politics openly violate state and national laws. The result is demoralization of the public mind and deterioration of the moral standard of the growing generations. While the duty of the supreme court was an unpleasant one, it was obliged to perform that duty from the public standpoint. It is about the first time a man of high standing in the profession, prominent in the Republican party, and high in lodge circles, has been given a sentence in the highest court of this state. The time should come when men who rank so high in society should not be given the minimum sentence but the maximum. **THEY KNOW BETTER.** High position should not become the cloak for rascality to go unpunished.

### A FINANCIAL SUGGESTION.

The rapid multiplication of trust companies at Portland and other large cities is causing some people to reflect. How many of these trust companies will become best companies in case of a little financial squeeze. It was given out in dispatches the other day that Wall street was relying on the western banks for funds. That is doubtless true and the western banks should profit by the suggestion and scatter their daily balances. The collapse of one of those large institutions might cripple hundreds of western banks. The western banks should become reasonably conservative and begin to accumulate a surplus against the days of collapse and shrinkage that are bound to follow the present financial inflation. Every western bank should begin to scatter its deposits of daily cash balances, and should accumulate a surplus steadily from this year on. Individuals will do well to do the same. No panics can catch the man who has the ready money. **THAT KIND OF A BANK IS SAFE.** This is only a suggestion. But it is best to be on the safe side. The present hours of golden prosperity are numbered. It may be a year. It may be two years, or five, but the time will come when tumult will reign.

### WILL IT PAY OREGON?

It is an open question whether it will pay Oregon to spend a large sum on the Jamestown exposition? Oregon cannot possibly secure very much immigration from that part of the United States. Then Oregon will be expected to put up a good big appropriation for the Seattle-Alaska exposition. These two expositions will probably take a quarter of a million to properly represent this state. Oregon has spent enough on the Chicago, New Orleans, and Omaha expositions to build another insane asylum. The appropriations for these several state shows should be held down to reasonable amounts. It will not pay this state to expend hundreds of thousands of dollars on these advertising enterprises.

### WELCOME TO THE LEGISLATURE.

The people of Salem welcome the two houses of the general assembly and the third house as well to the Capital City. **IT IS YOURS, LEGISLATORS, FOR THE TIME BEING.** You are welcome to our city of churches, schools and humans. You are welcome to our lodges and clubs, and the Salem newspapers will try to treat you right. **SALEM HAS THE BEST DRINKING WATER IN THE STATE,** and if that will not do you, the product of the Salem brewery is at your disposal. This city has some very fine mercantile establishments, markets, jewelry stores, and drug stores (open after midnight) and it has factories well worth visiting. The Capital City has wide streets, wide sidewalks, fine theatres, and hospitals and sanitariums, which latter it is to be hoped you will not have to use. Salem has next to Portland the best electric street car service and telephone system in the state. The Salem telephone girls are **THE MOST POLITE AND ATTENTIVE IN THE STATE.** The Capital Journal will work to make it pleasant for the members of the general assembly regardless of party. It will not promise to support all their measures, nor refrain from helping to kill some of them. But if we all give and take and treat the members as honest men who at heart want to serve their constituents and the state to the best of their ability, we shall have done our duty all around.

### THE FLAT SALARY ISSUE.

Let no member of the legislature imagine he can behead or trick

the people out of their demand that **THE STATE PRINTER BE PUT ON A FLAT SALARY.**

The flat salary reform was delayed four years, and the taxpayers' will defeated, and the treasury defrauded of over \$100,000 by sharp tactics and dilatory policies.

The same thing is to be attempted this time and the state printing graft is to be continued indefinitely when the people were given to understand **THE PRINTER WOULD BE PUT ON A SALARY.**

Politicians who want state offices are already bowing down to the machine and making prominent bills sham referenda and forgetting their pledges to the people.

The people voted for the amendment to the constitution to give the legislature power **TO PUT THE PRINTER ON A FLAT SALARY,** just as they voted for the anti-pass law.

That issue cannot be ignored. It is all right to pass laws to enable the merchant to garnish the wages of deadbeats in the employ of the state, but don't overlook the larger reforms.

The people have fought for six years to get their public hired men on a flat salary, **JUST LIKE THE HIRED MAN ON THE FARM,** and they will not stand to make an exception of the biggest graft of all—the public printer.

### AN APPOINTIVE RAILROAD COMMISSION.

Certain Portland interests object to an appointive railroad commission, and the reason assigned is that the governor is a democrat.

Governor Chamberlain was twice elected over good men on the Republican ticket **WHEN THE STATE WAS 20,000 REPUBLICAN.**

It does not appear that business men care very much what a man's political label is in state affairs if he stands for their interests.

It is a noticeable fact that when a railroad commission is appointed in any state that fights the battles of the shippers it has to be done by some man strong enough to cope with the dominant machine.

The people in general have no faith in **COMMISSIONS THAT ARE POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS.** A business commission to protect the business interests of the state the people could tolerate.

The kind of a commission the shippers, jobbers, manufacturers, saw-mill men and farmers want is **NOT THE KIND OF ONE** the Oregon legislature would be likely to select.

Governor Larrabee in Iowa had to get rid of a legislative commission and get a new commission bill passed and appoint men to carry it into effect. **ANY OTHER KIND OF A COMMISSION WOULD HAVE BEEN WORTHLESS.**

Under that kind of a commission the state of Iowa and all its industries have prospered. No other kind of commission is worth having, and if states north and south and east of us have them to fight their battles, **OREGON WILL HAVE TO DO SOME THING** to hold any position in the great conflict of transportation interests.

Probably the fight against an appointive commission has been started to kill the bill in the interest of the corporations. That will develop later. The fact that the legislature is almost solidly Republican is the best reason why that body should have nothing to do with selecting the commission.

### WHY PAY THE ELECTRIC COMPANY?

The eight Willamette valley counties could afford to issue bonds and buy or build locks at Oregon City and save money over the present extortion. Bonds for \$500,000 at 5 per cent would draw interest of \$25,000 a year. The same counties are paying four times that amount to the Portland General Electric company.—Benton County Republican.

In the first place, the government engineers have stated in an official report that **THE LOCKS CAN BE REPRODUCED FOR \$450,000.**

Less than a half-mill tax for two years will build the locks and canal.

The state has been taxed over \$200,000 to help not half as many producers in eastern Oregon.

**WHY NOT DO SOMETHING TO HELP THE SHIPPERS AND PRODUCERS OF WESTERN OREGON?**

It can be done without going in debt or issuing bonds. The legislature will spend what the locks and canal would cost on new commissions, clerkships, junkies and extravagant printing bills.

Why not do something for the relief of the great source of productive wealth of western Oregon?

### WORK FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

(According to the Benton County Republican.)

There are bills for many measures that should be carefully considered by the legislature.

**THE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES NEED REGULATING,** their discriminations and rebating should be shut off, the election of directors should be regulated, and non-resident companies should be required to keep at least 50 per cent of their premiums received from Oregon policy holders invested in the state.

A law should be enacted making **IT A CRIME FOR ANYONE TO LOBBY WITH THE MEMBERS** of the legislature for compensation.

A law should be passed making it felony to register a bet on a horse race, either on a blackboard of any other substance, or to telegraph or use any device to accomplish the registration of bets.

There should be rigid legislation **TO SUPPRESS BUCKET SHOPS,** and rigid child labor laws.

A concern that sells higher in one part of the state than in another should be amenable to the law.

There should be substantial anti-trust laws and prison punishment for the violation of them.

Every corporation should be obliged to furnish each stockholder with a balance sheet of its business **AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR.**

It is within the province of the legislature to prevent one corporation from owing stock in another and authorizing quo warrants proceedings to be filed to dissolve any corporation, a majority of the stock of which is secured by a holding company. This will do more than anything else to do away with monopolies in trade and business, and it is hoped that above all other measures, this one will be taken up.

### SMILES.

Scene in Chinese laundry:  
Wash Lee: "What make dis ting?"  
Hop Lee: "No calbe, Black as helloc."  
Wash Lee: "Blace lubber helloc?"  
Hop Lee: "Guess again."  
Wash Lee: "Must be plating office towel. No more guess possible."

There is one way to stop all this property racket, to stop the car shortage, and raising wages of everybody all over the country. Elect a Wall street free trade Democratic president. Then there will be cars to burn and the railroads won't have much of anything to bother them except to keep the tramps from taking charge of their trains. The country may be driven to that yet.

If you have teeth prepared to shed them now. The onion growers association has passed resolutions endorsing the Oregonians.

Of course, the state printing graft ought to continue, legislative calendar at \$200 a day and all. What if reform was promised the people. Gee whizz!

The people would not be paying 20cents a gallon for coal oil, if it were

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first class oil. But where it burns a red sickly flame and smells like burning tar, that price is steep. Oil inspector needed.

As the "legislature men" all read from three to a dozen Oregon daily papers, why not print the daily calendar in the papers as news? That would save the state thousands of dollars and the people would get the benefit both ways.

No man can get a job as editor of a big paper now-a-days unless he can write editorials a yard long without saying anything.

It is about time for that motion to print the daily calendar.

The legislature was organized today. Uncle Ben Hayden was in town.

The potato is a most useful vegetable.—Jefferson Review. Yes, when cooked with spareribs and sauer kraut.

Lower levies but more for the taxpayers to pay is the rule with all the counties.

Let us be thankful, in the dry counties at least, that the pump does not freeze in western Oregon.

The Angora goat and the angry taxpayer are alike in one respect—they can both take to the brush.

Eugene is a dry town and you can become intoxicated there, but you must not be disorderly. It costs \$40.

Farmers short course—coffee and buckwheats.

Many firms advertise: "Money refunded if goods don't suit." It's not the way with the legislature. Like some other institutions, no change is given back.

After all the rocks thrown at La Follette, of Wisconsin, the senate passed his bills to limit hours trainman may be employed on a railroad to 16 out of 24.

The machine always favors higher valuations, increased levies, more taxes, more offices. It increases the power of the machine over the people to have more money to spend, more places to fill.

Clackamas county levies 18 mills, same as last year, on a much higher valuation. That is how raising the valuations lowers the burdens of taxation.

**REGENTS' MEETING.**  
At O. A. C. Wednesday Night—What Was Done.

The mid-winter meeting of the O. A. C. board of regents was held last week. Regents present were Weatherford, Apperson, Jeady, Wilson, Buxton, Irvine and Pierce.

The formal resignation of President Gatch was tendered and accepted, to become effective at the close of the school year. He was unanimously invited to the chair of civics and economics.

This is the best month in the year to start a savings account.

You can keep it growing steadily by cutting off a few useless and unnecessary expenditures, and before long you will have a nice sum to use when opportunity knocks at your door. It will come useful some day.

In the meantime every dollar deposited to your credit will be earning interest.

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It was decided to ask the legislature for \$125,000 for new college barn, shop and addition to administration building, and also for a re-appropriation of the \$13,000 for the eastern Oregon experiment station, which reverted to the state treasury after being held up by the referendum, and an additional \$2000 for the same station.

A report by the executive committee showed that operation of the Eastern Oregon experiment station, for the past 18 months has resulted in a profit of \$1500.

No secretary was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John B. Daly, but Captain Apperson was appointed as temporary secretary.

It was agreed that it might be possible to make exhibits of certain branches of college work at the legislature at Salem, that the legislators may gain an idea of what is being done at O. A. C.

A special meeting of the board of regents is to be held in the early spring, probably in March or April.

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