

...CAPITAL JOURNAL'S EDITORIAL PAGE.

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THE JOURNAL STANDS FOR PROGRESS, DEVELOPMENT, GOOD GOVERNMENT, AND NO DEGRADED LABOR.

SMILES ABOUT THE LEGISLATURE.

Editor Davey, of the Statesman, is as incapable of appreciating a joke as the people are of appreciating a legislative joke.

THE GOVERNOR'S VETO OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER BILL DID COME BEFORE THIS LEGISLATURE, AND WAS SUSTAINED BY THE SENATE.

The Statesman editor is too sensitive. No man can go through a session of the legislature and escape criticism.

The Capital Journal has not so far referred personally to the part any one member took in the proceedings, BUT HAS ALWAYS SPOKEN GENERALLY.

This legislature left much to criticize, newspapers like Editor Davey's paper and Editor Geer's paper at Pendleton, which have nothing but diluted compliments of a rosewater character, TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING.

Ex-Governor Geer says why not abolish the legislature? Of course, that is a JOKE. **GEER TREATS AS A JOKE WHAT MOST PEOPLE ARE THINKING SERIOUSLY OF DOING.**

What the general public takes as a joke the editor of the Pendleton paper treats seriously—for instance, himself.

Speaking of men sent to the legislature and how they change front, Geer says:

"We elect the man, send him to Salem, and the very first thing he goes in cahoots with the corporations, the trusts and the syndicates, the money power, the combines, the plutocrats, the octopuses, Wall street, etc."

WELL, THEY DO NOT HAVE TO CHANGE FRONT OR THE WAY THEY POINT THEIR MUSKETS.

It can only be inferred from Editor Davey's defense of the fraternal order bill (WHICH WAS TREATED IN THIS PAPER AS A BULLSHIT), that if the senate had not sustained the governor's veto, the house, under Speaker Davey, would have passed the bill over the veto.

IT CAN BE INFERRED THAT GOVERNOR GEER WOULD NOT HAVE VETOED THE BILL.

The bill authorized the secretary of state to appoint an inspector of fraternal orders, under the insurance department.

Possibly Mr. Davey would have aspired to get this job, as he is one of the best-posted fraternal order men in the state.

Now, all bantering aside, there are two kinds of Republican governors in these days—the machine kind who sanction and uphold reckless and extravagant legislation BECAUSE IT IS ENACTED BY THEIR OWN PARTY.

There is another kind of Republicanism that whips the legislature into doing its duty, holds it down within reasonable bounds, vetoes its enormities and kills its grafts.

That kind of Republicanism is represented by Governor Hughes, of New York; Governor Cummings, of Iowa, and other governors whose Republicanism is just as good as Mr. Davey's, and WHO WOULD HAVE DONE IN OREGON JUST WHAT GOVERNOR CHAMBERLAIN HAS DONE.

The attempt to put The Capital Journal in the hole as being a Democratic paper will not succeed.

The Capital Journal condemned some of Governor Chamberlain's vetoes, and demanded vetoes that he did not see fit to make.

The Journal did not approve of the creation of three sheep inspectors, of the creation of a RAILROAD COMMISSION WITHOUT POWER OF REMOVAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

The state is full of Republicans who take the same position as THE CAPITAL JOURNAL.

Some have called at this office and go so far as to say they will never again vote for a Republican governor when the legislature is Republican.

The partisanship that defends everything done by a legislature because it was all of one party is folly.

True Republicanism in the legislature sought to curb the extravagance and reckless misconduct of this legislature, AND WAS ABOUT EVENLY DIVIDED.

The public can only smile at the defence of the worst elements of the legislature, as the manifestations of true-blue Republicanism does not make a legislature SO OBVIOUS THAT THE PEOPLE WANT IT ABOLISHED.

In the present temper of the people a referendum vote would almost result in abolishing.

It would be a bad move, and the people would afterward regret and restore it. **BUT IT MIGHT CHANGE ITS CHARACTER.**

IT MIGHT RESULT IN MAKING IT MORE TRULY REPRESENTATIVE AND LESS OF A LAUGHINGSTOCK.

In conclusion let it be repeated that a Republican governor who would have vetoed the same bills that Governor Chamberlain vetoed would be sustained by the people.

WHAT THE STATE OWES SENATOR FULTON.

It owes him the prestige and political standing which this commonwealth enjoys at the national capital.

He has preserved the honor and good name of Oregon UNDER VERY TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES FOR TH EIGHT TWO YEARS.

In the face of this handicap he has secured nearly four million dollars of appropriation for Oregon.

He has kept the good will of his colleagues, under a constant fire of attack AT HOME AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS.

A man who can do these things and come out smiling and a winner is worthy of any man's respect and commendation.

There is deep chagrin in a certain faction (that Senator Fulton has done his best to placate) that he did succeed.

THE PLANS WERE ALL MADE AND LAID AND WERE PUT IN OPERATION TO WIPE HIM OFF THE MAP, POLITICALLY, LONG BEFORE THIS.

But Senator Fulton has disappointed his enemies, and has retained the respect even of President Roosevelt.

For his ability in holding his own, and commanding the respect of an administration that has not been over-friendly to Oregon, Senator Fulton is to be admired.

Senator Fulton has accomplished the difficult feat of UNITING THE ENTIRE OREGON DELEGATION FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS.

The present delegation will be found working smoothly and harmoniously for the best interests of Oregon.

The senior senator has proven himself a man of tact and diplomacy, while MAINTAINING HIS OWN IDENTITY AMONG THE SENATORS.

He has shown fighting ability as a debater, and has shown that he has the courage of his convictions, even against the idols of the upper house.

The Republicans of Oregon were never better represented by any man for the first four years of his term than by Senator Fulton.

WHAT BECOMES OF THE STREET FUNDS?

It is understood that under the high assessment this year the city of Salem will receive about \$15,000 street funds.



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The city also collects poll taxes and other income for streets and sidewalks and bridges. **WHAT BECOMES OF IT ALL?**

That sum of money ought to accomplish something more than clean a little mud off the streets and put in a few crosswalks.

The Capital Journal has always contended that the money should be expended IN THE WARDS IT IS COLLECTED FROM.

Unless this city is to have aldermen at large and unless improvements are to be made clear through the city the present system is wrong.

If the city gets from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year for the street and bridge fund THERE SHOULD BE SOME PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS MADE.

At present the city has scarcely a bridge that a traction engine or four-horse load can be hauled over in safety.

There should be an ordinance requiring a monthly statement OF JUST WHAT IS DONE WITH THE STREET AND BRIDGE FUNDS.

At least half of this money should be expended for improvements that are up-to-date—steel or concrete bridges.

THE TAXATION INJUSTICE.

The state taxes are henceforth to be apportioned upon the assessed valuations in the various counties, and not upon their expenditures.

THE RESULT WILL BE, SO IT IS SAID, THAT MARION COUNTY WILL PAY 20 TO 40 PER CENT MORE THAN ITS JUST SHARE OF THE STATE TAXES, owing to our high rate of assessment. The highest, it is said, of any Oregon county.

WHAT OREGON NEEDS IS TO DO AWAY WITH STATE TAXES ENTIRELY. It can be done. The tax commission bill, passed in the house and killed in the senate, would have done it. This bill should be initiated. The way to raise the expenses of the state government is by indirect taxes. **THIS IS THE WAY IT IS DONE IN SEVERAL STATES NOW.** This is the way the national government is run. Then each county will be left to raise its own expenses in its own way, with a high or a low assessment, as it may please its people—or its assessor—Statesman.

The Capital Journal heartily endorses the above from the Salem Statesman.

IT IS TO BE REGRETTED THAT THE LEGISLATURE DID NOT ENACT INDIRECT TAXATION.

The objection to the state tax commission was that it created another commission at state expense.

The tax commission was primarily empowered to gain information about franchises. **IT WAS ON THIS INFORMATION THAT ASSESSORS SHOULD FIX VALUES.**

Assessors have the right and the power and it is their duty to assess all property now, including franchises, at their true cash value.

The great injustice done Oregon by basing all state taxes upon property direct **IS THAT IT IS UNEQUAL TAXATION.**

Property in the whole state is taxed to benefit a few localities like Salem or Eugene, or Corvallis as the Statesman says, on basis of valuations MARION COUNTY, WHERE VALUES WERE RAISED 200 PER CENT, WILL PAY AN UNJUST SHARE OF THE STATE TAX.

Another rank injustice is that there is no householder's exemption of \$300.

That saddles about six million dollars on the poorer classes of laborers with families and no homes who ought to be protected against the tax gatherer until they have homes.

THE SWORD OF BUNKER HILL.

In answer to request The Capital Journal publishes the poem "The Sword of Bunker Hill," which is as follows:

He lay upon his dying bed, his eye was growing dim;
When with a feeble voice he called his weeping son to him.
"Weep not, my son," the veteran said, "I bow to heaven's high will;
But quickly from yon antlers bring, The Sword of Bunker Hill."

The sword was brought; the soldier's eye lit with a sudden flame,
And as he grasped the ancient blade, he murmured Warren's name.
My boy, he said I leave you gold, but what is richer still,
I leave you, mark me, mark me, now, The Sword of Bunker Hill.

'Twas on that dread immortal day, I dared the Briton's band,
A captain raised this blade on me, I tore it from his hand.
And as the glorious battle raged it lightened freedom's will,
For boy the God of Freedom smiled, on The Sword of Bunker Hill.

Oh, keep that sword; his accents broke, a smile and he was dead,
But his writhed hand still grasped the blade upon that dying bed.
The son remains; the sword remains, it's glory growing still,
And twenty millions bless the sire and sword of Bunker Hill.

GIRL SWALLOWS PIN SO AS TO GO HOME

Does It Before Teacher's Eyes—Doctor Thinks He can Get Pin Out and Save Her.

Waterbury, Conn., March 14.—Little Mary Davies, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Davies, doesn't like to go to school. No in considerable part of her eight years has been spent in devising ways for avoiding the ordeal. Yesterday her teacher, Miss Daisy Perry, would not let her go home.

Then little Mary took a pin from her frock and before the eyes of the frightened teacher swallowed it. "Now I'm going to feel pretty bad," she declared. "You'll just have to let me go home."

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Gov. Hughes Attends Purim Ball.

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