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A WORD ABOUT SALARIES.

THE ordinance introduced by Councilman Jones for the purpose of putting the city attorney's salary back at the sum allowed when the present incumbent accepted the office, and by his action in so doing, proposed to perform the duties required by the office for the sum of \$1200 a year, has not been heard of or from since its introduction. It has probably been laid on the table, or under it, or otherwise put safely and comfortably to sleep. We suggest that Councilman Jones wake the little Billie, and let us hear him cry, if nothing more. It is stated the mayor also regrets his action in consenting to this increase, and it is suggested he might have his spinal column stretched up, and take a hand in undoing the things he should not have done. Councilmen Minton and Jones both say they are in favor of putting the amount of the salary back where it was, but, somehow, they are not getting action. The suspicion is growing that the city attorney has the majority of the council tucked away in his pocket. That the creature has become greater than its creator, and that when the city attorney tunes up his fiddle the councilmen get ready to dance. This, of course, is merely a suspicion, but still—well, the city attorney is drawing that extra \$300. With more city engineers and the other city expenses increasing along all lines, that \$300 should be saved, for the city will probably need it in its business, especially should the dry element succeed in cutting off revenue from liquor licenses. In the meanwhile "an open, free confession is good for the soul," and The Journal columns are open to any of the council, the city attorney or the mayor, for an explanation of why they voted to raise the city attorney's salary, and also why they do not vote to put it back to where it belongs.

MAD AS A MARC BHARE.

THE Oregonian Thursday jumps on to Governor West, alleging that the salary bill introduced at his request in the legislature, was a salary grabbing measure. The big paper, as usual, gets so much red in its eyes whenever it mentions the governor that it can see nothing in its true colors. How unjust, unfair and uncalled for its attack is, is evident when the fact is that Governor West did not mention the amount of any of the salaries, leaving those amounts to be filled in for each county by the members of the legislature from the county. If there is any salary grab in it, as the Oregonian asserts then the members of the legislature, not the governor, should be the object of the big newspaper's attack. Now, again, to show the animus of the attack, let us take the Oregonian's own figures. There were only 12 counties in which salaries were changed, and these, according to the Oregonian's figures, show as follows, the figures for the bills passed coming first, and being the totals, the second figures being those proposed: Lincoln county \$4850, \$4900; Crook, \$9000, \$9200; Hood River, \$5100, \$5600; Josephine, \$6000, \$8200; Lake, \$6000, \$6200; Columbia, \$9000, \$200; Washington, \$5700, \$6200; Benton, \$8200, \$8200; Wheeler, \$3600, \$3200; Harney 10,050, \$9200; Jackson, \$7500, \$6200; Marion, \$10,100, \$10,000. The grand total of the bills passed by the legislature, and whose act is commended by the Oregonian, is \$87,000. The grand total of the bill introduced by

the governor, and which salaries were fixed by members of the legislature from the respective counties, is \$85,000, or \$1900 less than the bill commended by the Oregonian and held up by it as a rebuke to West. Truly, "whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad," and our big contemporary down the creek is certainly mad as a March hare, to thus print the evidence of its own insincerity, and give vent to its spleen.

The Oregonian story also goes on to state that in the bills passed "there was a good and sufficient reason for the increases." Was there? For instance, the salary of the county judge of Marion county was raised from \$1200 a year to \$1800. If the Oregonian, or any one else, can point out a good reason for this raise, quite a large number of Marion county folks would be pleased to have it done. Judge Bushey is a clever gentleman, a good county judge, but the people generally were not clamoring to have his salary raised, and he would not have resigned, had the salary been left as it was, and we might add that this is \$200 more a year than that "detestable Gill bill, the infamous salary grab," would have given him.

SALVATION ARMY MAY HAVE NEW HOME

Among the building projects which are booked to be started in Salem during the coming summer is that of a modern fireproof hall for the Salvation Army. While Brigadier Dubin was here a few days ago the question came up for a brief discussion between that official and Captain N. H. Lorenzen, of the local company. Brigadier Dubin will be here again next week and the proposal will be further considered at that time.

Captain Lorenzen has several desirable locations for the hall in view, but has no option on any of them. The present location of the quarters in the old building at Commercial and Ferry streets, is a very desirable location, but it is doubtful if a deal can be negotiated with Max Buren, owner of the corner, for the construction of quarters at that place. The corner is much larger than could be used by the army, and Captain Lorenzen admits that it would be impracticable for the owner of the property to divide the corner. There is a possibility that a large building may be built on the corner in the next year and a portion of it leased to the army people.

\$9000 Is Needed.

Captain Lorenzen states that the sum of \$9000 donated by friends of the work will make a new building possible if the building is constructed by the army itself. The method followed by the national headquarters of the army is to pay one-third of the cost of new buildings after two-thirds of the amount has been raised by the local forces. Captain Lorenzen says that he has a donation of \$1000 available as soon as he is ready to begin operations and possibly another donation equally large in sight.

If a new building is constructed it will probably be a two-story structure with the lower floor devoted to the ordinary uses of the army and the upper portion used as a dormitory and either operated by the army or rented to others for similar purposes. It is a custom of the army where it has commodious quarters to maintain a dormitory for the benefit of laboring men who make use of the army accommodations.

First necessary thing in a legislature: a quorum.

SINGER WILL LIVE HERE WHEN HE'S DEAD

Says If He Ever Leaves Portland, He Will Live Here, Hence the Above Statement.

"Says I, the people of Salem are the cream of the universe (and I've traveled some) when it comes to showing courtesy, kindness and all around good feeling toward strangers; God bless 'em, and may they continue to prosper and remember at least, that Joe Singer leaves them with a feeling of gratitude and sincere appreciation of their friendliness, notwithstanding he has met but a comparatively few of the fine citizens."

This was the gallant statement made by the ever popular sergeant-at-arms of the house of representatives as he shook hands with the manager of the Hotel Marion and departed for his home in Portland yesterday afternoon.

Without doubt, Joe was THE shining light of the recent session. Proud of his Jewish ancestors, proud of the distinction of being an official during three assemblies of the Oregon legislature and proud of the fact that he can boast of as many friends in Salem as any person outside of the city, Joe leaves for Portland with a longing to remain and continue his friendly relations in the Capital City.

"There ain't no use talking," stated Joe yesterday, "this town and her inhabitants has me wishing I lived here. Look at the climate, the wide streets, and dandy people and everything else going to make up an ideal place to live. Why, man alive, there ain't a better place on the ball than Salem, if one desires to live in peace and quietude. Everybody has treated me fine. Everybody has treated everybody else fine. What more can a human being want?"

If ever I change my place of residence, believe me, mister, I'm going to live in Salem."

MR. HARRIS FURNISHES STATISTICS ON DAMAGES

To R. A. Harris, state printing expert and veritable perambulating compendium in the matter of labor and industrial statistics, Governor West has given the task of satisfying one Hamilton Higday, of the Washington industrial commission, who has written the executive office of Oregon for a gist of data and statistics on industrial conditions in this state. Mr. Higday proposes to get out a book on the subject of industrial conditions and is gathering data from all of the states.

The Washington man asks particularly about the working of the employers' liability act, which has just been passed by the legislature. The answer will show that 47 personal damage cases reached the supreme court in 1912, all arising out of industrial accidents. Cases which were settled out of court or which went no farther than the circuit court are not included in this figure. A sum of \$161,545.50 was given in damages in these 47 cases. The average damage was \$34615.32.

HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY THEREFORE LEARNED MUCH

A new planet has appeared in the political sky in the person of C. F. Fisher, of Portland, who wants to be appointed corporation commissioner, the new office created by the passage of the blue sky law. Mr. Fisher appeared at the state house yesterday fortified with a letter of recommendation from Dr. Charles Chamberlain, son of Senator Chamberlain and recent appointee of the governor to a position on the state board of medical examiners.

Chief among the many virtues appended to Mr. Fisher as recited in the letter is the fact that he has traveled widely thereby becoming a very fit man for the position of corporation commissioner in Oregon.

Fisher is the third candidate for the job. The other candidates are C. D. Babcock, present corporation clerk in the office of Secretary of State Olcott, and Representative Mitchell, of Baker county, who introduced the blue sky bill in the house.

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* X-RAYS AND SMILES. *

Senator Lane says he has 50 pounds of applications for office from Oregonians. The senator has not yet been on his job long enough to distinguish between applications and endorsements.

The raising of the salaries of county officials is no doubt soothing to City Attorney Page. He is no longer so lonesome. Still the people of Salem would like real work to know why he nailed the office before asking for the increased pay.

Cottage Grove is feeling the effects of street improvements, in the increased price of property. She will continue to feel them, especially along about tax-paying time.

Mutt and Jeff are not properly named; they should be mutton stew, for they are mostly potatoes and no meat, and have a decidedly woolly flavor.

When the little frog tunes up for their evening serenades it is not only evidence that spring has arrived, but that the croak cusses are out.

How can a proposed salary bill in which the salaries are less than those in a salary bill passed by the legislature be a "salary grab" while the other has "a good and sufficient reason for every increase?" Ask the Oregonian, the only source from which that information can be derived.

It is strange but true, that most office holders discover so quickly after being elected to an office after strenuous exertions on their part, that the salary is entirely inadequate, considering the talents and ability of the incumbent the citizens have chosen.

It looks as though when a person once gets an office, that person feels that every other office, in which the salary is larger than of that he is holding, rightfully belongs to him. They all believe in promotion.

As one grows old the years seem to get shorter. The writer is moved by the splendid democratic weather to remark that, when old Tempus gets to fighting, that fly-time comes around with ever-increasing frequency.

Fisher, of the Eugene Guard, recently sold that up-to-date paper and gave notice that he would soon visit Mexico. It is at least a strange coincidence that from that date the Mexicans began to get together and behave themselves. Another example of the power of the press, and the editorial influence.

The Allens Must Die, (UNWISD FEELS LEARNED WISE.) Richmond, Va., March 7.—Following the refusal of Governor Mann to commute their sentences to life imprisonment, Floyd Allen and his son, Claude, members of the bandit gang, will be electrocuted in the state penitentiary here March 28. They were convicted of participation in the murders in the Hillville court house, March 14, 1912.

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