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A WRONG THAT SHOULD BE CORRECTED NOW.

Legislation inflicted a wrong upon Sacramento, and some other interior cities; legislation should remove it, even if it has to take the form of a constitutional amendment, which we do not believe is needed.

As the law now stands, concerning townships, Sacramento City is a township for but one purpose, and that is the election of a Justice of the Peace. As a city she elects two Justices and pays them \$4,000 annually, besides office rent, cost of fuel, stationery, lights, etc.

Now Sacramento is unable to indulge in the luxury of two Justices who do nothing except draw their salaries, because the Township Justice absorbs all the business, or very nearly all. The city is indeed, by law, compelled to throw away about \$5,000 a year for two Justices of the Peace.

It ought to be a rule that no judicial officer should receive fees. His livelihood should not be made dependent upon the chance of collecting costs from litigants. The reason is obvious. He must use inducements to bring grist to his mill. These may be never so honest, but he is still a solicitor. In this city constables, attorneys and all others exert themselves to carry business to the Township Justice. The excuse sometimes is as follows: "The City Justices receive their salaries, business or no business; the Township Justice is dependent upon his fees. It is therefore the proper thing to favor him."

It never occurs to those who make this plea that the city is entitled to consideration before the individual. The theory of the law is that the City Justices collect fees, as does the Township Justice, and pay them into the City Treasury. As a matter of fact, they do very little in that line of duty, for the reason that they receive very few fees.

It is possible that attorneys feel that self-interest demands of them to carry all their cases before the Township Justice, and while this may seem to be a harsh reflection upon that official, and while we have no reason to doubt his uprightness, the fact remains that the motive for attorneys to so act is a natural one, and with an unscrupulous man on the bench might serve to powerfully influence the bar. Certainly an attorney who takes his cases before a City Justice will be pardoned for entertaining some fears if at any time he is compelled to appear before a township official, who is bidding for business against the City Justices.

But however all this may be, and however possibly unjust the comment of the bar and the people, we are paying out some thousands of dollars annually for officers who have no service to perform in return. Either the office of Township or of City Justices should be abolished. We do not need three, and we do not want any dependent upon a fee system.

Perhaps if the evil can be remedied only by leaving the fee system with us, that might be borne with equanimity, if the output from the Treasury could be stopped.

It never was the intention of the lawmakers to inflict upon us the burdens we bear; it is the result of attempting to make a general law fit all cases and counties. That the rural sections may be accommodated with Justices, the city is compelled to pay out about \$5,000 annually, while the unsalaried officer pockets the fees that it was intended should go into the city treasury to replace the salaries paid out. Exact justice would require all the fees to be paid into the treasury and the officers to be salaried liberally.

The question is, will the Legislature afford the cities of California thus afflicted due relief? Longer than the terms of the present Justices to maintain a farcical township organization in a chartered municipality, is to make mockery of law and deny the capacity of the people for self-government.

The matter is of sufficient importance to warrant the Trustees in taking immediate official action upon it, and advising officially with the Sacramento delegation

in the Legislature on the subject. It should not be put off until the last hours of the session. The Trustees cannot, with less labor or risk, make a greater saving to the city than to bring about such changes in the law as will save to the city the salaries and costs of the two City Justices, or secure for the city the fees collected by the Township Justice, and in either case a reduction in the number of Justices of the Peace.

THE FREE SCHOOL BOOK SCHEME.

There are citizens and legislators entirely sincere but mistaken in urging the adoption of a free school book system, but the scheme itself is antagonistic to the best interests of the State and the people. The friends of the State textbook system should take warning from the fact that its enemies, the book rings, are actively but secretly promoting the free book idea.

The people have not demanded free books; they do not wish to be pauperized by the scheme, for all such movements point in that direction. The very worst use to which a citizen can be put is to make him dependent upon the community; the greatest injury that can be inflicted upon him is to break down his self-helpfulness. When there is absolute incapacity of parents to buy books for their children, the State furnishes the volumes free. Beyond that it is dangerous to go.

To furnish books at cost is wise and economic; it is simply employment by the people of their own agencies and machinery to supply a need. It levies no taxation; does not add to the aggregate of public burdens, and makes no demand upon the public treasury. On the other hand, free books will not be cared for as private property. Public goods, the cost of which is changed to that great unseen, uncomplaining and impalpable thing, the State, are never providently handled. Neither children, teachers nor parents will care for free books as they will for those they pay for and own.

We furnish to ourselves, at the cost of all the people, school-houses, teachers and school officers, and there is neither wisdom nor need that we should do more. We furnish to children books at cost which become their property subject to care as their own, and which taking into their possession they have a strong motive for economically using.

The book rings in favoring free school books are prompted by two powerful motives, first, the hope of eventually breaking down the State system; second, of being sellers in due time to the State of the books to be given away. They are alive to the fact that the scheme to furnish free books is calculated to catch the popular fancy. If they can convert it into law, and heap up such heavy cost as to bring about reaction and protest, they expect to step in with the old system, under which they maintained a paid lobby, dominated Legislatures, corrupted school teachers, bought and sold directors, meddled with local politics, and permeated the whole community with the virus of their unclean methods.

The assault upon the State series of text-books is prompted by these book pirates. They have reduced their prices to bare cost, and point to the fact that they offer books at rates little higher than the cost of the State books as an evidence that the State, by abolishing its printing plant, can deal with them to better advantage. The experiences of the past teaches us to look for the lion's foot beneath the skin of the ass. Were the State to forsake its system and yield itself over more to the embraces of the book rings, it would not be long before prices would go up to old figures, a new syndicate would be formed to throttle competition, a new compact entered into to divide the spoils, share and share alike, no matter what apparently competing books were thrown out or adopted.

The truth is that the State now has her printing and binding plant; the machinery of the State system is all in order; the first cost has been discharged; the State books are issued fifty per cent. cheaper than the cost of publishers' books prior to revolt of the State against the rings. Some of the books may need revision—that was to have been expected; beyond that there is no need for change. There is open to the State as freely as to private publishers all the avenues to knowledge, literature and science from which book text is drawn. We can produce as good books as the best, and have done so—indeed, that we have not committed more errors is amazing. We have operated through an unpaid board in preparing the books, which foolishly accepted some manuscript offered gratuitously, to gratify personal vanity, instead of bidding for the best. We need to reform our methods in that direction. Yet even in the experimental stage the success of the State text-books has been great.

Let the Legislature leave well enough alone, and not venture, either by direct advance or through the cunningly-devised scheme of free books, once more into the net of the book rings.

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SENSATIONAL CHARGES.

Alleged Tampering With Witnesses in the Gardner Case.

Mrs. Cox Says She Was Imperturbed to Leave Town With Her Daughter.

In the report of the proceedings in the case of Daniel Gardner—charged with having criminally assaulted little Lizzie Cox—which appeared in yesterday's RECORD-UNION, reference was made to the serious charge made by District Attorney Byon, that one of the witnesses for the prosecution, namely, the Cox girl's mother, had been approached by some one in the interest of Gardner.

It will be remembered that when Mr. Ryan put Mrs. Cox on the witness stand for the purpose of proving the truth of his accusation Judge Van Fleet put a stop to the proceedings, stating that he would not permit any statements of that kind to be made in open court, on account of the presence of persons who might be called upon to act as jurors in the Gardner case. The Judge added, however, that he would hear the matter in his chambers.

The matter was to have been heard yesterday, but Judge Van Fleet was too busy in court and it was postponed. A RECORD-UNION reporter called at the District Attorney's office yesterday and made inquiries regarding the affair. Mr. Ryan's deputy, ex-Judge Buckley, stated that on Wednesday last Mrs. Cox came to the office and told the District Attorney and himself the following story: On Monday last, in the forenoon, she said, a man named Hyams called at her house. He said he was an agent for the Howard Association, and, having heard that she was poor, desired to assist her.

She told him that, although she was not in affluent circumstances, she did not need any assistance. After some further conversation about matters in general, Hyams said some things about the Gardner case, and the part Mrs. Cox and her daughter would take in the prosecution. She conversed with him about the case, she said, and then he suggested that if she would take her daughter and go away to some distant locality, it would be a good thing, as it would save the child's reputation, prevent her future from being blackened, etc.

LED HIM ON. Mrs. Cox says she suspected that Hyams was working in the interest of Gardner and determined to lead him on. "I suppose," said she, "all I would get for going away would be a husband or two." To this she said Hyams replied, "Well, that's enough to get out of town on." He intimated, she says, that she would get more than her traveling expenses, should she decide to "emigrate."

Mrs. Cox says she decided answer to Hyams' proposition, but led him to believe that she would think the matter over seriously, and would consult with her husband.

Thus encouraged, Hyams, she alleges, spoke more plainly, and before departing, said: "If you will do it, have your husband meet me to-night at my house. I live at No. 918 N street."

It is said that there is likely to be some more development in this case, as the rest or two, when the matter is laid before Judge Van Fleet.

STILL ANOTHER.

Hays, the Plumber, Goes Into Insolvency.

Going into insolvency is evidently becoming a fad in Sacramento. There has been a new petition for every day during the past week, filed in the Superior Court. Yesterday was no exception. W. C. Hays, the plumber, petitioned the court to be declared insolvent, and placed his debts at \$37 50—the principal being on behalf of H. H. Hook, Merrill & Stetson and George Bragg.

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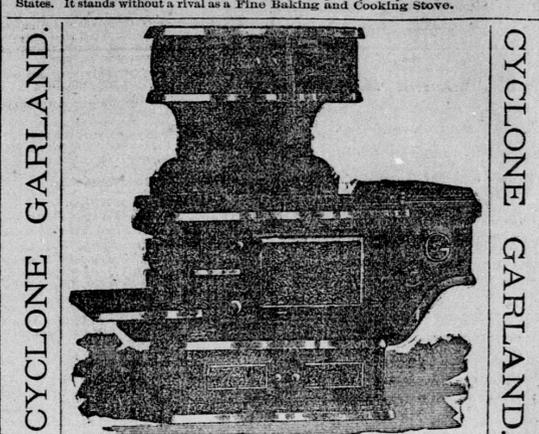
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