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has been, to bring to bear influences upon him related to the appointing power, or to those supposed to be capable of influencing the Executive, or the active workers to whom the Governor may feel that he is under some obligations, or to whom, because of their position in society or the State, it is assumed he will give ear. Indeed, it is no secret whatever that the struggle for place in the printing department begins away back in the caucus, and includes and intermeddles with the selection of nominees for almost, if not all, other State and even of national positions.

Now, to elect the Superintendent will insure, to a great extent, his independence. His subordinates will be those of his choosing. He alone will be responsible for them, and they will be responsible to him only. There will be none, or very few, who can because of "pulls" in other directions, snap their fingers at him and defy him to displace them, no matter how incompetent they are or how indifferent to industrious discharge of their duties.

If we assume that a Superintendent were elected who was thoroughly competent, honest, and solicitous to administer his office with an eye single to the good of the State and the economy of his office, is it at all likely that he would submit to incompetents being thrust upon him; that he would for an instant give heed to influences that under the condition of appointment could menace his position? Would not all reasons conspire in the case of such a man to make him select workmen and supplies as if he was the owner of the plant and the personal paymaster of the institution? Would not all things tend to enable him to exercise true economy and to secure the highest excellence and greatest economy in all departments for which he would be responsible?

Supposing him to be a true workman, having high pride as an artisan, he would as naturally surround himself by competent men, as a clean man would with clean associates.

But what assurance is there that the people will choose independent and competent Superintendents? No party would assume the risk of nominating any other. The absence of full qualification in a candidate would be made notorious by the printer craft. Each party would realize that the craft would sit in judgment upon their choice; having regard, therefore, for the fitness and capacity of the candidate, the political parties would, with the hope of victory in mind, strengthen their tickets by naming the men whose qualifications were unassailable, and who had the commendation of the craft. If one political convention should be so manipulated as to present a weak man, the second convention would be sure to present, in opposition, a candidate strong by contrast for his availability, fitness and capability as an artisan and an administrator.

Such incentives moving political parties, and the printing craft operating about equally upon all, would insure the State Superintendents of high capacity.

If the citizens who have filled the office of Governor could be interrogated upon this subject, they would, we believe, to a man, bear witness to the unwisdom of making the office of Superintendent of State Printing appointive; they would agree that had it been elective in the past, their own official paths would have been smoother, their official lives more peaceful, and the best interests of the State more conserved.

In the discussion of this question in detail, there is intended to be made no reference to the late Superintendent, whose administration was a credit, nor to the present incumbent, who is the first practical job printer who has entered upon the office. We are considering a State proposition affecting a policy for all time, and involving considerations rising superior to individuals or administrations.

THOSE OUTLAWED BONDS. Evidently the city of Sacramento is in sore need of a friend. An assault is now being made upon it that affects every tax-paying interest in the city. It is an effort on the part of speculators in outlawed city bonds to have the Trustees revivify the papers by issuing new notes for them.

The City Trustees have not the authority to sign a note for the city unless the power has been expressly conferred upon them. That they should for a moment hesitate to refuse to breathe life into outlawed bonds is more than surprising, and should have the effect of rousing the people to earnest protest.

It is contended that there is moral obligation to pay this particular old debt. There is obligation to pay only legal indebtedness. The law wisely fixed a period in which *laches* shall work cancellation, and such being part of the contract between debtor and creditor, there is no moral consideration superior to it. Certainly the Trustees are not the custodians of the city conscience.

In 1854 the city issued a lot of twenty-year bonds. They should have been presented when due, or within four years thereafter. This was not done. Some years ago some officials illegally, without warrant of the law and in violation of the rights of the people, and without informing them what was going on, did issue new bonds for some of these valueless and outlawed certificates of indebtedness, which were probably bought up by the speculators for a few cents on the dollar. When ex-Mayor Gregory came into office he found another lot of new bonds about to be issued for the old ones. He put his foot down and stamped out the scheme, and during his administration none of the bonded corpses were resurrected.

However, some of the '54 bonds were presented and refused. The holders sued the city and Judge Hunt, of San Francisco, an eminent jurist, sitting in the Superior Court of Sacramento, held that the statute of limitations ran against them, and thus the city had judgment. The case went to the Supreme Court on appeal, and the judgment for the city was affirmed. Later still, a motion for a re-

hearing was granted, and that is now pending.

At this point the bond-holders come once more before the Trustees and ask the board to refund the bonds, because, as one city official weakly puts it, the court may reverse its decision. It is the old, old story of new lamps for old ones. Suppose the court should reverse Judge Hunt and itself—which is most unlikely—it will then be time enough to talk about paying the debt.

Here we have our eminently conscientious and well-meaning Mayor looking for more light on the subject. The bond-holders, he is reported to have said, tell him that all they want is new bonds for old ones. He appears to forget that there are no old bonds—the statute of limitations, the courts, and common sense have blotted them out of existence. But the Mayor says that, until he is satisfied beyond the shadow of a legal doubt the city is bound in law and honor to pay the bonds, he will not vote to issue new ones. Yet he adds that the city cannot afford to repudiate a debt. Our worthy Mayor is mistaken—the city can afford to avail of all its legal rights. They were created by statute for that express purpose, and it is honorable and right to avail of the law.

The board is now proposing to employ counsel to advise it if the new bonds should issue; if the Supreme Court is right; if it is likely to take the back track. In the name of common business capacity, is the opinion of any lawyer a better guide for the city than the Supreme Bench of the State of California? Is the city to go to the expense of paying lawyers to advise it whether the decision of the appellate tribunal of the State is a proper advice to the city?

The city can afford to rest upon the decision of the court; it can afford to plead all of its legal rights; it can afford to meet reversal of its victory if it comes, and it is time enough for that when the Supreme Court pronounces itself to have been in error—which it will not do.

Mr. OSTROM's bill providing for a board of school-book editors to revise and prepare anew the State text-books, is clearly unconstitutional. The Constitution commits the duty of preparing the books to the State Board of Education. And right here it is in point to say that the State school-books are not faulty to the extent charged. They are the subject of assault by the parties interested in breaking them down, and there is no one to specially defend them—there seldom are champions for the State in such cases. We believe it would have been better had the Constitution provided for a board of book editors in the first place, but it was not done, and only by constitutional amendment can it now be accomplished. It is a popular mistake to suppose that because one is eminent as a teacher and a scholar, he is therefore competent to prepare a book for school children. Private publishers long ago discovered the truth that the man who is best qualified to compile a school-book, is not necessarily the best teacher or most accomplished educator. We could give individual instances of this. We know of one case where an eminent educator with years of experience in schools, a scholar of high accomplishments and great learning and an incomparable critic of books, utterly failed in his attempt to prepare a text-book for use in the grammar grade. But an obscure teacher in a country district prepared the desired book, and it proved so excellent that it had almost unanimous approval, and to-day is a standard work. In all this matter of meddling with the school-books of the State, let legislators keep in mind that behind the movement is the book ring which so afflicted this State a few years ago.

NOTE AND COMMENT. The edition of the Marysville Appeal which appeared on the 21st inst. was highly creditable to its management and to the city of Marysville. It contained a vast amount of valuable reading matter, principally connected with the citrus fruit interests of Yuba, Butte and Sutter Counties. Such papers are of great benefit to the section in which they are published.

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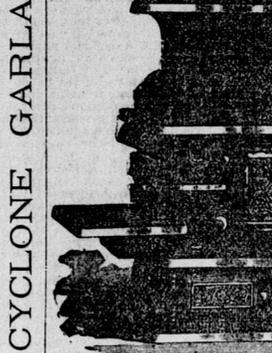
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