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LEGISLATIVE PRINTING RUNS

The State House of Representatives had considerable to say yesterday afternoon over the report of the joint printing committee to consider the State's interests in regard to the legislative printing. The members who did the scolding recognized that there was something wrong, although it is evident they did not fully understand where the big leak is, since it was not mentioned, although features where there is no wrong were condemned. On the main proposition, however, the criticism was right, since it recognized the fact that the State is being fleeced; this is not, however, any price the printers may make, but wholly because of mismanagement of the committee in not making arrangements for the legislative part to be done in proper order and style.

In connection with these proceedings in the House, we are constrained to mention the report thereof published in this morning's Salt Lake Herald, in referring to a discussion between Messrs. Ferguson and Morrisch, the Herald gives outside of a truthful report of what occurred and injects the following alleged explanation:

> Not all the members understand the subject. This is what is meant: Mr. Ferguson is a labor advocate, and a majority of the members of the printing committee are in favor of letting the printing to those supporting union printers. Mr. Morrisch, it is claimed, is supposed to favor others and would like to have the printing go to the Herald-News office, which opposes the unions most. The News has frequently favored measures supported by Mr. Morrisch, hence Mr. Ferguson's remarks. Mr. Morrisch denied any such motive in the printing matter, claiming he was simply in search of the work done in a business-like manner.

The foregoing explanation is of such an impudent and unveiled for character that no decent journal would allow it to appear in its columns without a prompt apology and full retraction; and we await the Herald's action thereon. We will and that the explanation is wholly and utterly untrue. The News has not "frequently favored measures supported by Mr. Morrisch," nor has the gentleman any interest in the News printing. The editor of this paper has not even the pleasure of the gentleman's acquaintance; and the News has not lavored special measures before the Legislature. With very few exceptions it has confined itself to general suggestions intended to aid the legislature, and as to measures introduced by Mr. Morrisch it finds, on examination to-day, that it has antagonized more of them than it has favored. As to employing printers, the News makes no distinction between union and non-union men. It has both in its service, and never makes the subject of such membership a condition of employment; and it has never laid less wages and frequently more, than the union schedule.

Turning again to the legislative printing discussion, we may say that a bill was framed by the committee, or rather copied by a member, from a Kansas statute, which was supposed to favor union men. When it got into the Senate, its provisions were found to have no effect one way or the other on the wages of printers, but could be worked as a scheme by an employing printer. Senator Cannon and others exposed some of the faults of the measure, and it was killed by being recommitted to the committee. As a sort of providential measure to save the State from being victimized hereafter, Senator Allison had a clause in his State executive bill, which deals with the printing item in a proper manner, and the measure has passed both houses, so that promises of a little printer bill competitive prices for work affected done are more legitimate.

Right here we would inform the members of the House that its position on the State to its printing business is not from any prices the printer will charge. The News is not doing any part of the printing, but is fully satisfied that those who are will obtain only a reasonable figure. The loss to the State is no fault of the printers, the second body. Rather, it is because of the committee's instruction in the matter. If it was expedient to set with the particular day to hold above this inflation, now the state not less than a thousand dollars, leaving other items for future consideration if necessary. The majority, when corrected, blame the joint committee of the Legislature. When a contract is entered into for minutes and journals, the former are extracted and the latter printed from the same type as the minutes. This saves the price of composition, etc., on the journals, the State only paying for corrections. The contract for journals has not been entered into. The type for the minutes is distributed—the printer has no choice as to that. When Monroe is reading the minutes the House will have to pay for resetting the type—that is the committee's fault. If the minutes were given special attention, say, twice, it would further reduce expense, and it would not be the fault of the printer, but the committee's. Rather, the proximate cause of the mistake is a piece of extravagant redtape, the result of this same indifference. The printing committee, with the exception of Mr. Hyde, consists wholly of members of the House, and yet it is a fact that the committee's report, which contains the ridiculous style