

Bailey on Judicial Salaries.

The following extract from Senator Bailey's speech on the bill to increase the salaries of the supreme court judges presents several points which are well worthy of consideration:

I must assume that when the senate voted down the proposition to increase the salaries of its own members and the members of the house of representatives it did so because it believed that the members of this body and of the other house are not entitled to an increase in their compensation. I know there are some men uncharitable enough to say that they voted it down because they feared to do what was right when the right happened to be in their own interest. I, myself, am not at liberty to assume such a fact, and I conclude that it was the senate's deliberate judgment that the present

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salary of both senators and representatives is entirely sufficient; I must draw the same conclusion with reference to the salary of cabinet officers.

Then we have this peculiar condition of affairs, that in the judgment of the senate that particular class of government officials who, excepting the president alone, already draw the highest salaries, hold their offices for the longest term, have the least expense in executing the duties of their place, and undergo the least drudgery, are the only officials in the service of the government who are entitled to an increase in their compensation. The judges of the supreme court today work fewer hours in every day and fewer days in every year than any member of this body who faithfully meets and discharges his duties. If it be said that the honor of that station is greater than the honor of this, then I answer that this is all the more reason why its salary should not be so great.

The truth is, Mr. President, that in fixing the salaries of high public officials they ought all to be so adjusted that the salary itself should never become an inducement to seek or to accept a great office. The salary should be so fixed as to enable the occupant to support himself and his family in decency and comfort, and no more. All above this reasonable provision ought to be the honor of the place, and that ought to appeal to the ambition and not the greed of an American citizen.

I believe our salaries are now sufficient; not that we could not realize more from our professional or business engagements, but not one amongst us came here for the salary; all came for the honor of the place. If you were to double the salary you would not add to the honor, nor would you add very much to the comfort of the members. You would simply add to the exactions which are levied against us; you would probably double the charges of all the taverns in the city; probably double the prices of all the tradesmen with whom we deal, for the rule in Washington seems to be to assess us so that there shall be nothing at the end of each year anyway. But even if it would increase our comfort to increase our salaries, I would still contend that the salary ought never to be made an incentive for any man to seek or to accept this place.

But while that is true of us who serve in the legislative department, is it not also true of those who serve in a judicial capacity? The chief justice of the United States hold the highest prize of the greatest profession in the world; it is the very topmost round in the profession of the law, and surely, having reached that, he ought to be content with the honor and a salary sufficient to keep him in decency and comfort.

Mr. President, the greatest curse of official life in Washington is that it is fast becoming impossible for a poor man to support the expense. We have heard it asserted that cabinet officers have been compelled to resign their places because \$8,000 a year would not provide for their expenses. Do you expect to remedy that by increasing the salaries? No, sir. You simply increase the appetite for more by yielding to the demands of today. Give them \$12,500 and still the disparity between their expenditures and their luxuries would be as great when compared with the circle next above them as it is today. You can go on increasing the salaries of those who serve the government until you make them so great that the offices are sought for the sake of the salaries, thus diminishing the honor without satisfying the occupant.

I undertake to say that there is no man who faithfully and diligently serves a plain republican form of government who cannot meet all reasonable expenses upon the salaries now paid; and when you make the salaries

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