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## PUTTING IT UP

## TO MR. VESTAL:—

The Portland Republican is continuing its efforts to make Congressman Vestal show his hand in the postoffice fight at Portland. In last evening's edition under the heading "The spineless Mr. Vestal" they said in part:—

"Harry Fritzinger, Republican chairman of Adams county, has been appointed postmaster at the Decatur postoffice, the applicant adhering to the rules of the civil service and the appointment being recommended by Vestal, congressman from the Eighth district.

The office in Portland is still vacant, the Democratic postmaster holding over until his successor shall have been appointed. Four applicants from this city filed their recommendations and conformed to the rules and regulations in such matters, under the rules of the commission July 18th of this year, the same time Mr. Fritzinger filed his application and endorsements. Yet these grades have never been returned by the commission, and Congressman Vestal has made no recommendation.

Why is this? Why has not the commission handed down the grades. Why does not Mr. Vestal look after the matter if it is possible, as has been charged that the civil service commission is only a farce—a tool—a body that means nothing but an ad-

ded expense to the taxpayer. It is true that the commission hands down the grades at the behest of the congressman, or withholds them at his request.

Whatever the reason, it places Mr. Vestal in a most embarrassing position and lays him open to the charge of playing politics. The commission should be informed of conditions and the hurt their laxity is doing Mr. Vestal. No doubt the commission would forward the grades of the men who are applicants for the position here, and enable Mr. Vestal to give his time and attention to his campaign without worry.

There is a very strong belief that

Mr. Vestal, himself, is the real cause of these grades being held up. There is now every reason to believe that

Mr. Vestal does not intend to recom-

mend anyone for the office, or allow

the commission to return the grades

until after the November election. In

this way, he hopes to stave off dis-

cussion and keep down any agitation

and dissatisfaction that may arise

before that time, and should the

grades be made public. Should he be

successful in being returned to Con-

gress, he will then recommend whom

he pleases—and according to the plan

of Lawrence Cartwright and others,

and said to have been sanctioned by

Vestal, Dr. M. T. Jay of this city, will

be the one recommended and ap-

pointed.

But if Mr. Vestal is kidding himself into the belief that this course will

have a success and bring peace, he

is badly mistaken. There are many,

a great many Jay county voters, men

and women, who will cast their vote

for the Democratic candidate, unless

a postmaster is appointed before

November. They openly say so. They

further declare that if Dr. M. T. Jay

is appointed before the election, neither will they in this case vote

for Mr. Vestal. There is no exaggera-

tion in these statements. Anybody

can, with a little time at their dis-

posal and a desire for information,

learn that this is so.

Bad political advisers, and bad

judgment has been the ruin of

Mr. Vestal. It is beginning to look

as if he was not big enough man for

Congressman. He is out of his class.

A peanut politician is about the cali-

bre of the present Representative."

The tariff bill is to be pounced

through adding to the overhead of

every citizen in the country and to

the benefit of but a few. It will not

bring good times but will we fear but

for them. The truth remains, that

good times, actual and real, cannot

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