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We have received three communications this week, whom the writers asked to have published under nom deplumes in each instance, when the address was made known, the articles were mailed back. Time and time again The Observer has stated that such communications would not be published. It is a safe rule to follow, that if a writer is ashamed to sign his name, the article should not be published and too often while looking innocent to the editor, contain much malice that calls for an answer over a nom de plume, and the public is frequently imposed upon by a series of articles that grow with animosity and things are said on both sides from ambush that the writer would not dare or think of saying if the matter had to appear over his true signature. At the head of our editorial column is a standing notice that all communications must be signed. That notice will remain there and the rule will not be violated in a single instance.

Notice of First Meeting of Creditors. In the District Court of the United States for the District of Oregon.

In the matter of O. M. Heacock, a bankrupt.

In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of O. M. Heacock of La Grande, in the county of Union, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that no the 27th day of January, A. D. 1908, the said O. M. Heacock was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meetings of his creditors will be held in the office of the referee in bankruptcy in La Grande, Oregon, on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1908, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

JNO. S. HODGIN,

Referee in Bankruptcy.

January 31, 1908.

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Notice of First Meeting of Creditors. In the District Court of the United States for the District of Oregon.

In the matter of Edward Propeck, a bankrupt.

In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of Edward Propeck of La Grande, in the county of Union, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of January, A. D. 1908, the said Edward Propeck was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held in the office of the referee in bankruptcy in La Grande, Oregon, on the 12th day of February, A. D. 1908, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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SMITH'S AFFIDAVIT.

Made Public by Francis J. Heney in His Sensational Speech.

The J. S. Smith who made affidavit that he received a bribe from Senator Fulton to assist in breaking the

deadlock and support Senator Mitchell, was a resident of this county for a few months, having taught the Summerville school and later moved to Wallowa county. We herewith publish the affidavit that Mr. Heney read in his speech in Portland Tuesday night:

J. S. Smith's Affidavit.

"J. S. Smith, a citizen of the United States, being first duly sworn, hereby deposes:

"I am 40 years of age, have resided 13 years in the state of Oregon, and am now occupying the position of assistant warden at the state penitentiary at Salem, Ore. In June, 1896, I was elected a member of the Oregon legislature to represent Linn county. Out of a total vote of 4600 I received 1900 votes as the populist candidate, there being two other candidates, one each on the democratic and republican tickets. The legislature in which I was elected was known and is still called the 'hold-up legislature,' for the reason that a great number of the members of that body persisted in holding out from attendance at the session, with the express purpose of preventing the re-election of John H. Mitchell as United States senator. An organization was effected in the senate by the election of Joseph Simon, as president, and a form of organization was attempted to be effected in the lower house by two rival bodies, one comprising the supporters of Senator Mitchell and the other consisting of his opponents. The latter body elected Representative Davis of Umatilla county, as speaker, and the former group chose H. L. Benson of Douglas county, for speaker.

"The Mitchell supporters attempted to hold daily sessions by having roll-calls, which were responded to by the Mitchell adherents in both houses. It required 46 votes to elect Mitchell, but the crowd headed by Benson were never able to muster that many members at roll call, and the session ended without any result whatever, insofar as the election of a United States senator was concerned. The most desperate efforts were made by the Mitchell men to secure the requisite number of votes, offers of money and positions being the commonest means employed to accomplish this purpose. The present United States senator from Oregon, Charles W. Fulton, was the leading manager of the Mitchell forces and personally, assisted by Mitchell himself, offered various sums of money in order to induce the legislators who belonged to the Davis wing of the lower house to attend sessions of the legislature and vote for the election of John H. Mitchell for United States senator.

Mitchell Had a Sack.

"It was currently reported at the time and in fact, was regarded as an undisputed circumstance, that Senator Mitchell had at his disposal \$25,000 with which to secure his re-election; furthermore, it was apparent to every one who had anything to do with this so-called 'hold-up legislature,' that Charles W. Fulton was the leading distributor of money for Senator Mitchell.

"At a point which I fix as about the middle of the legislative session, one James Powell, of Albany, Ore., came to me while I was seated in the session chamber of the house of representatives and introduced himself to me as a Linn county republican who had voted for my election as representative. We had a short conversation, which was renewed when I left lunch at the Hotel. Powell accompanied me to the hotel and on the way there informed me very frankly that he had been sent for by Senator Mitchell and the latter's lieutenants and commissioned to induce me to attend the legislative session and vote for Mitchell.

Fulton Offered Smith Bribe.

"Powell mentioned the fact to me that Mitchell and his managers had plenty of money to give to those who would assist in breaking up the 'hold-up' by attending the sessions and voting for Mitchell. He also stated that Mitchell himself desired to see me personally at the Willamette hotel, which was the Mitchell headquarters. Powell added that there was something in it for him if he could get me to do what I have outlined above. I arranged to meet Powell that same evening and did so. He accompanied me to the Willamette hotel, where I was met in the large reception room where Mitchell and Fulton held forth. As soon as I entered the room Mitchell and Fulton invited me into an adjoining smaller room, where they urged upon me the inducement that I owed it to my own future career to attend the legislative sessions and stand with them. Fulton said to me, in Mitchell's hearing and presence: 'I will give you \$2000

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and pay you \$1500 of that amount down right now if you will go into the house tomorrow and make a speech explaining that you think there has been enough of this delay and urge that the members take action and vote for Mitchell for United States senator. (Prior to this interview I had conferred with the leaders of the anti-Mitchell legislative wing, namely with Jonathan Bourne, John C. Young of Baker City, state chairman of the populist party."

Strayed. There came to my place 2 1/2 miles east of La Grande about Nov. 4, 1907, bay driving mare, branded 66 on left hip; weight about 1050 pounds. Owners may have same by paying pasturage and for this notice. W. J. HUGHES, Route 2, La Grande, Ore.

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