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BAD CASE OF SWELLED HEAD.

The Mail is suffering from a bad case of swelled head, and, like the fly on the grindstone, imagines it turns the world around. Newspapers, like individuals, sometimes think themselves of great importance and a fourth dimension is needed to measure the Mail's pomposity.

Thursday the Mail gloated over the fact that it had elected Taft president, and when The Tribune undertook to give it due credit for the republican landslide, assumes that "The Tribune must have claimed credit for the election of Mr. Chamberlain and the defeat of Mr. Calkins," which is an unfounded assumption, for The Tribune never claimed any such credit. But Chamberlain carried Medford by 144 plurality and Jackson county by 480 plurality. Both are heavily republican, and The Tribune was the only paper in the county advocating Chamberlain's election—so, if it had cared to brag, there would have been some excuse.

"The trouble, however, with The Tribune, is it is like unto all other prophets—it is of no honor in its own country," preaches the great religious daily. It depends whether or not an immunity bath is the standard of honor—if it is, The Tribune pleads guilty to a lack of it. At any rate, The Tribune, though making no religious pretenses, is familiar enough with the scriptures to quote them correctly.

"Now that Medford is to have Fish lake water, what do you say to changing the name to Mount Pitt lake? You will not need to 'elect Bliton a congressman' to do this. All you have to do is to forget about Fish lake and speak of it as Mount Pitt lake," is one of the Mail's phosphorescent suggestions. The only way to do it will be to elect Bliton to congress, for there is no such mountain as Mt. Pitt, the legislature having changed the name of the peak to Mt. McLoughlin years ago, as every schoolboy knows and as it appears upon all recent maps.

"There are more seats in the band wagon, and Putnam may get on, but he will have to behave properly"—patronizingly asserts the Mail. "How we apples swim!" The editor of The Tribune was never noted for climbing or band wagons—he never changed his politics to go with the majority or to get an office, as some other editors have, and is Chauvinistic enough to cling to an ideal, regardless of its popularity. Nor does he recognize the Mail as driver of Medford's car of progress or observe the gyrations of a weathervane as a fit standard of behavior.

A CAMPAIGN OF DISHONOR.

That a determined effort will be made to thwart the expressed will of the people of Oregon and prevent the election of George E. Chamberlain as United States senator at the coming session of the legislature is already apparent. The Oregonian and other corporation and partisan organs are busy trying to prejudice, by partisan appeals, the minds of the people.

When the people of Oregon voted for Chamberlain for senator and for legislators pledged to carry out the will of the people they knew what they were doing in electing a democratic senator, just as they knew what they were doing when they elected a republican president.

Only in one way can the election of Chamberlain be prevented and success assured in this campaign of dishonor, and that is by violation of pledges given the people by the legislators, and repudiation of public promises by those who secured these offices by these promises.

The conspirators against the people plan to have certain representatives resign and others absent at the right time, and so indirectly violate pledges as well as to have still others openly disregard them. By this means it is hoped to secure a majority and elect some other person than Chamberlain, preferably Fulton, who is the main-spring of the conspiracy.

The only way to accomplish the desired result and thwart the will of the people is by bribery—and every legislator who resigns, is absent, repudiates pledges or otherwise dishonors the electorate will be branded as a corruptionist in the minds of his constituents—and he had better make the price high enough to enable him to leave the country.

It is only a few months ago that Senator Fulton was publicizing thanking God that the old methods of bribery had been done away with and that Oregon had found a new and better way to choose its senators. And yet here he is plotting the triumph of the dollar over the people.

Some time since The Tribune called attention to the fact that the Rogue River Valley railway had erected a depot which was rented almost entirely for commercial purposes and was of little convenience to the traveling public, which has a dark closet in the rear assigned as a waiting room and a bench outside to sit on. The state railroad commission has called the attention of District Attorney Mulkey to the violation of the state law and ordered him to take such action as he deems proper. There is a heavy penalty for each violation.

What Papers Say

TROUT STREAMS

(Oregon Observer.)

In a few years many of the smaller trout streams in this section of Oregon will cease to run during the summer months, and there will be no fish in them for the entertainment of the angler. This will result from irrigation ditches. Williams creek is now practically drained in summer by a large irrigation ditch that carries the young trout into the fields to perish. Myriads of small trout are annually destroyed in the Applegate ditches. Thompson creek is almost a dry bed in summer the water being carried off in irrigation ditches. The O'Brien branch of Steamboat creek is tapped at its headwaters by a mining ditch, half way down it is tapped again for irrigation, and near where it joins Steamboat creek, it is dammed and every drop of water taken out to irrigate land in that vicinity. These are facts that came under the observation of the writer during a holiday trip last summer. There are probably other streams similarly emptied, and it is absolutely certain that many more will be before very long. All such will necessarily cease to be trout streams. The Applegate still has abundance of water, but there is a terrible sacrifice of trout in the ditches.

The law provides for the protection of fish by requiring screens to be placed at the intake, but all the operators of the irrigation ditches are agreed that the maintaining of screens is impracticable and assert with reason that the fish must not be prevented to interfere with the irrigation of the cultivated land. How long, then, will the Applegate be a trout stream, with the ditches destroying myriads of fish every year? The Applegate empties into Rogue river and the later into the ocean, and both streams will receive perennial supplies of fish from the sea but it is not likely in the case of the Applegate that this supply will equal the destruction that results from irrigation. But irrigation is of much greater importance than the fish supply, and the trout will have to go, unless some practical scheme is devised for protecting them.

The smaller streams that are completely drained for irrigating purposes, of course cease to be fish streams. There does not seem to be any remedy for this, and as the work of irrigating progresses the number of trout streams will steadily decrease. It is not a pleasant prospect for the followers of Isaac Walton, but it seems to be inevitable.

In regard to the mining ditches, there does not appear to be any complaint of destruction of fish. The reason is this probably is that the water after serving the mine goes back to the stream a gain, while irrigation water goes into the soil or is evaporated.

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