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## VERDICT APPROVED.

Opinions regarding the conviction of Senator John H. Mitchell have a striking similarity. After his indictment, and before the trial, allowing the truthfulness of newspaper reports, there was little room for doubt as to the senator's guilt. A large majority of the people took this view of the question but the feeling was equally one-sided that Senator Mitchell would escape conviction.

The high station from which the aged senator has fallen as well as his advanced age and broken health all unite in creating a deep sympathy for him. But in a matter of this kind, sympathy has no place. The government is not seeking retaliation and is not desirous of working personal discomfiture on Mr. Mitchell. Where the interests of sixty millions of people are concerned the personal comforts of one man cannot be considered, except to the end that no injustice be done him. These sixty millions of people can only attend to their public business through a delegated power. John H. Mitchell was one of the small body of men entrusted with this great authority. He betrayed his trust and placed himself in the position of an attorney selling out the interest of his client. Our government is lenient in fixing the penalty for such offense. Other countries have made like offense punishable by life imprisonment, banishment from the country and some have been so severe as to inflict the death penalty. To have acquitted Senator Mitchell when the evidence showed him guilty would have been an invitation to officials of high standing to continue in this course of fraud and graft. They now realize that the law is not a dead letter. While strong arms of the government have been weakened by corruption, there is yet purity and strength at the head, and with the present example and probably more to follow, we may hope for a regeneration of the national political system.

## CLEAN MANAGEMENT WITHIN REACH.

The annual report of the board of directors of the Oregon City school district shows a careful and economical management for the year just past. This is an administration of one branch of public affairs that has been conducted on business principles and that has not been subjected to the meddling of private interests nor to the interference of personal ambition. This exemplary management should convince the people that good government and clean management of public business is easily in their reach. All that is necessary to secure it is a judicious selection of men to fill public places. The "popular" man is not, as a rule the man that fills the bill. He is too often the man that trims his course in order to avoid enmity and opposition. His is too often a negative life, lacking in initiative and void of conviction. His ideas are shifty as the March wind and they conveniently harmonize with the opinions of whomsoever he may meet with.

We need men of character, not men of policy, for the fulfillment of public duties. We need men of executive and financial ability and not men who are pastmasters in the art of sounding their own praises. The world would in some way wag along without the assistance of those men who assume the position that they are logically or by some peculiar inherent right entitled to certain public places. You have heard them: "I think I am entitled to it; my party owes it to me; I have worked for the party a long time, and have received nothing at its hands," etc. How ridiculous! He is a poor stick who is serving his party or is interesting himself in public matters from commercial motives.

Such as these are but weeds in the potato patch. They spring up from neglected cultivation. We need a little freer use of the hoe along this line.

## LAWS NOT MADE FOR FARMERS.

The Wilhoit correspondent is not alone in his ideas respecting the work of an average legislature. He has lost sight of the fact, however, that game laws are not made for farmers and that the tillers of the soil are expected to tend to their plowing—the politi-

cians will look after this tax business. All that is asked of the farmer is that he keeps busy in order to have the tax money when it is called for. The Portland "blooms" and "sports" are looking after these game laws. The farmers have taken to shooting at the birds until they are becoming so wild that "there is really no sport, you know." A gun tax is necessary to discourage such practices. What right have farmers to shoot and frighten the birds, anyhow. They are not sports. They don't wear an eyeglass and play golf. If the bird happens to take a little grain you have no way of knowing whether he got it from your field or from your neighbor's.

The game birds belong to the King. They are for him and his direct descendants, the "sports." Anyone ought to see the injustice of a farmer shooting a bird just because he happens to catch it in his grain field. You see there are two sides to the game law question.

An equally strong defense might be put up in behalf of the party ticket. As convincing logic might be and is utilized by the campaign orator. If the elector asks only of the legislative candidate, "What is his party affiliation?" what service is he entitled to expect from him? The people could run Clackamas county did they not know it and quite possibly could do the job as well as the half dozen men who do run it.

## RECEPTION TO NEW PASTOR.

Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Robins Warmly Welcomed By Congregation.

Reception was given Friday night in the First Baptist church to Rev. Henry B. Robins, the new pastor of the church, and to Mrs. Robins. Fully 250 people were present and the church was beautifully decorated in honor of the event. The reception took place in the auditorium of the church, and was opened by singing and scripture reading by Rev. W. H. Wettlaufer, pastor of the Evangelical church, followed by a prayer by Rev. J. R. Landsborough, pastor of the Presbyterian church. After the rendition of an anthem by the choir, Rev. E. S. Bollinger, pastor of the Congregational church, spoke on behalf of the Ministerial Association and other churches of the city. Harvey E. Cross welcomed the new minister on behalf of the congregation, Stella Kellogg for the Sunday school, Clarence Eaton for the Canemah Mission school, Maud Booker for the Juniors, A. S. Dresser for the choir, Kenneth S. Latourette for the young people and Mrs. T. E. Gault for the women of the church. Mr. Robins responded with a fitting speech and after singing, "Bless Be the Tie that Binds," an adjournment was taken to the refreshment room where delicious edibles were served, and the people met the new pastor, who has created a very favorable impression during his short stay here.

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