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Mr. T. H. Mitchell of Woodburn, Oregon, claims that he was an im-

portant witness in the Wolfe fire that occurred in Portland in July 1896, and that H. L. Barclay, fusion candidate for joint senator, made

a proposition to him in effect, that if he would go out of the reach of a subpoena, there was a chance for he and Barclay to make some money. Mitchell was sent out to Wilhoit to a friend of Barclay's where he re-

mained until after the case was tried in Portland. For some reason Mitchell never received his share of the proceeds. If what Mitchell

says is true, Elder Barclay is as proficient in holding up courts as he is

in holding up legislatures. The Enterprise knows nothing as to any

denial that may be made, but publishes the correspondence and affidavits of Mitchell taken from the Salem Statesman of last Sunday. It

"About the 20th of July, 1896, a fire occurred in Portland, Oregon,

known as the Wolfe fire on Front street. The circumstances attending were considered suspicious. The insurance companies refused

payment of the policies, amounting to about \$32.000. Suit was brought

for payment by the First National bank. The rest of the story is

I. T. H. Mitchell, being first duly sworn on oath do say: That I

have lived at Woodburn, Marion County, Oregon for the last four years

past with my family. That I was in Portland Oregon on Front street in company with J. H. Zimerlie on or about the 20th day of July 1896-

the date of the Wolfe fire. That at said time and place we saw, a mo,

ment before the fire burst out, a man leave the building hurriedly sup-

posed to be one of the Wolf's. That at about the time of the fire the Wolfs assigned their insurance policies amounting to about \$32,000 to

the First National Bank of Portland, Oregon. That the bank brought

suit against the Insurance Companies for the amount of the policies. The insurance companies set up a defense that the fire was of incen-

diary origin. To prove this allegation I therefore became an impor-

tant witness. That said cause came on for trial on or about January 6th 1897. That on or about December 24th, 1896, H. L. Barclay ap-

proached me at Woodburn, Oregon (in the mean time the insurance

companies had learned what I knew about the said Wolfe fire) and

asked what there was in it for me to be a witness in said case; and if I had been subpoened yet. I answered that I had not been subpoened

and there was witness fees only in it for me. Said H. L. Barelay then

said I was foolish to give my testimony without pay; that there was a large amount of money in these cases and that if I would listen to him

and do as he told me that he the said Barclay could make for the two of us eight or ten thousand dollars. Having great confidence in said

Barclay and his representatives I consented to his arrangements. On

or about the 26th day of December 1896 he sent me with Charles Corby

told in the following affidavits and letters:

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to driveme to Rev. R. Gwyn's in the mountains near Wilhoit Springs with instructions to stay at said Gwyn's until sent for. He sent word by Corby to said Gwyn, who is a preacher in Barkley's church to keep me as I was a particular friend of Barclay's, and he Barclay, would pay all charges. I staid at said Gwyn's about fifteen days during which time I received several letters from said H. L. Barclay and Charles Corby informing me that people were looking for me, and I learned that a subpoena was out for me issued about the time I left for Gwyn's to give testimony in said case. That I was kept at said Gwyns until too late to testify in said case. That I never received a cent from H. L. Barclay or anyone else for with-holding my testimony from said case. This affidavit is made solely for the purpose of exposing to the public a man whom I believe to be unworthy of the confidence of the people or of any public trust.

T. H. MITCHELL. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of April, 1898. F. G. EBY,

Notary Public for Oregon.

THE CORBESPONDENCE.

State of Oregon. Hall of Representatives. Salem, Jan. 25th, 1897.

Mr. T. H. Mitchell, Woodburn, Oregon.

SEAL.

Dear Friend.

Your favor just received, I am very sure at present but will make an effort to draw some pay in a day or two I will pull the Jews the first opportunity. I am glad my name has not been mentioned. I thought I was going to get you a job here when the fight was the hottest. One of the boys came to me and wanted to know if I knew of a man that would stand fire and had a back-bone like an ox. I informed him that I knew such a man but the secretary objected so we were out. H. L. is home. Respectfully,

C. W. CORBY.

State of Oregon. Hall of Representatives. Salem, Feb. 12th, 1897.

Mrs. Tom Mitchell, Woodburn, Oregon.

Dear Madam.

Yours just received I am very sorry that Tom is sick and that you are in need. I will say that as an act of charity I would be and am willing to assist you but so far as hush money is concerned I never carry any of that kind. You and Mr. Mitchell are not so badly disgraced as you seem to think. I am not afraid of facts and if you want to publish them it will only make a reputation for me. Respectfully, C. W. CORBY.

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