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**SENATOR SIMON'S RETURN.**

Some people and papers are indulging in criticism of Senator Simon for leaving Washington at this time and coming home to look after his political and other business affairs. But he is only doing what other Senators in a similar position almost invariably do. It must be remembered that Mr. Simon is only serving his first term, and that a fractional term; that a persistent fight is being made upon him within the party; that this is "the fight of his life," and on its issue depends, probably, his political future. He is laudably ambitious; like everybody else elected to the Senate he wishes to be re-elected; to do so he considers it necessary to superintend at this critical juncture his affairs in person. The late Senator Dolph, whom all acknowledged to be a man of the highest principles and the utmost political morality, did the same thing. So, on one occasion, did Senator Mitchell. So have a multitude of other Senators and even members of the House of Representatives on like occasions. It is no crime for a man to desire election to the Senate, or re-election; it may be, indeed, a very laudable ambition; and, this being the case, a man would be foolish if he did not use all legitimate and necessary personal efforts to succeed. At least, such has been the custom, and, whether properly so or not, Senator Simon is not to be censured for following the custom, more than others who have done the same.

**THE FIRE INCIDENT.**

The incidents connected with last Sunday's fire have caused a good deal of comment, and there has been a disposition in some quarters to give a political bias to it. It is even asserted, or hinted, that because a police officer got into an altercation with Mr. Albers, who is a German by nativity, therefore the "German vote" will be Democratic, or assistant-Democratic, this spring. In the first place, it seems doubtful if the police officers very greatly erred, considering the circumstances under which the incident occurred; in the second place, even supposing that one or two police officers erred and exercised undue force, is that fault to be charged up to President Roosevelt, or Governor Geer, or Senator Simon, or Congressman Moody, or Dr. Plummer, simply because these persons are officially prominent in the Republican party? Aren't these critics becoming a little wild and foolish? The facts probably are that Mr. Albers, as was natural to a man of his temperament, was much excited, and his actions aroused excitement in others, and so a disagreeable incident resulted. Mr. Albers himself, and his brothers, seem, on cool reflection, to desire to let the matter drop. Before June they and others will have almost forgotten the incident; or, if it is remembered, it will cut no figure in local politics—as why, indeed, should it? Most German-Americans are Republicans, for their own good and sufficient reasons; and they are not going to chase after Grover Cleveland or Billy Bryan because a few people got excited at a fire.

**SILLY INSINUATIONS.**

Our esteemed and powerful but not always strictly logical contemporary, the Oregonian, insinuates, if it does not positively declare, that the date of the primary elections was fixed a week earlier than necessary, at the dictation of that vague thing, the "Simon machine." This, it intimates, was done because the "Simon voters" will by that time have all registered, while others will have neglected to register. Now, isn't this a rather "thin" assumption? Don't the "anti-Simon" voters read the newspapers? Don't they know the date, and their privilege and duty of registering, as well as the adherents of Mr. Simon and his friends? Is not the registration open, as it has been for weeks already, to all voters equally? Are any "Simon men" standing around the County Clerk's office with guns or clubs to keep "anti-Simon" voters away? Don't the clerks promptly attend to all voters, legally qualified, alike, regardless of which faction or party they belong to? In fact, speaking with all due respect for the big daily newspaper, are not these insinuations and implied charges somewhat silly for a great newspaper to indulge in, and beneath its proper dignity?

State Senator Brownell, of Oregon City, will doubtless succeed himself, and some day he will go to congress.

**THE NEW AGE COMPLIMENTED.**

The manager of The New Age, in his travels during the past week or two, has received many compliments on the position taken by this paper in favor of Republican harmony. Leading men of both factions have assured him that The New Age was on the right track, and talked sense. The way to have harmony, when there are opposing factions and interests, is for the leaders to make mutual concessions—not for those of one faction to devote their energies and efforts to "down" or beat some prominent man of the other side who is up and has large and heavy claims on the party, or at least a right to considerate treatment.

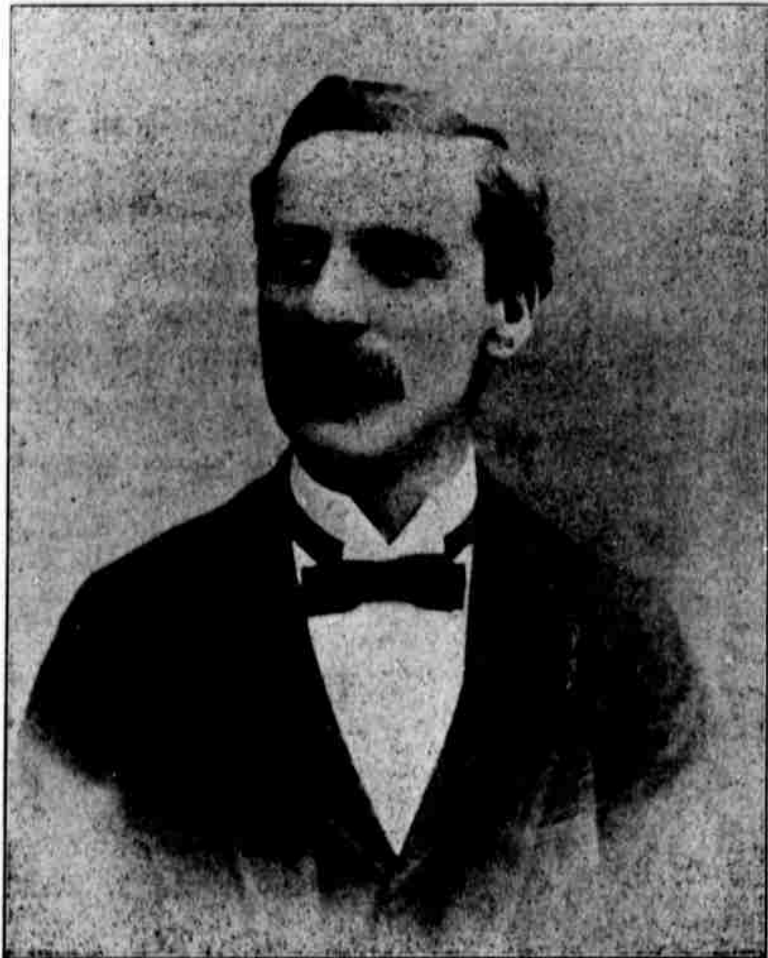
Few, if any, public or party men who have been active in politics for a quarter of a century have made no mistakes; no such man has avoided

William H. Lewis, a Boston Negro, born in Virginia, is a lawyer who has served as a member of the council of that city, and will probably be elected to the Massachusetts legislature at the next election.

The performances of Senators Tillman and McLaurin are not calculated to enhance the popular estimation of democrats as senators, though of course there is a difference in democrats.

Ex-Collector of Customs John W. Ivey is still very much alive, and will be heard from in Oregon politics in the near future. He is one of Oregon's best orators.

The fight for the nomination for congress centers in The Dalles, and The New Age believes that Congressman Moody will win.



U. S. SENATOR JOSEPH SIMON.

Hon. Joseph Simon came to Oregon with his parents when an infant, and received his education in the public schools of Portland. Studying law, he soon became a very successful lawyer, and has always had a large practice. Becoming interested at an early age in politics, he soon became locally prominent. He has served four terms and was elected to the fifth term as a State Senator from Multnomah County, and twice was elected president of the State Senate. At the legislative session of 1899, after it became evident that the election of Hon. H. W. Corbett, whom Mr. Simon supported, was impossible, Mr. Simon was elected to fill an existing vacancy in the United States Senate, and the unexpired fractional term of four years, which term will expire on March 4, 1903. In all these capacities as student, citizen, lawyer legislator and political leader, Mr. Simon has been diligent, intelligent, studious, faithful and influential. His career well illustrates the possibilities of youth and young men in America, whatever their race or religion, if they are industrious, honest and capable. Mr. Simon is a candidate for re-election, and will probably be elected by the next Legislature to succeed himself.

antagonisms; the strong, successful man is sure to make some enemies; but these are not reasons for throwing such a man down and jumping on him, or trying to do so, and thus widening a party breach.

**GO AND REGISTER.**

The New Age desires again to impress upon its voting readers, and particularly the Negro voters, the duty of registering. The primaries will be held on March 15, which is only just two weeks away. This is time enough for everybody to register, if too many do not put off that duty till the last hour, or day or two. It ought to be attended to at once, or at the earliest opportunity. Don't wait till the 14th or 13th. If you haven't registered already, attend to the matter today or this evening, or early next week. Let the politicians know that the Negroes of Portland are awake, and anxious to exercise the privileges of citizenship, including the elective franchise.

The Baltimore Republican Guide remarks: "We Republicans have made it hard for ourselves; yes, we had the State, and we gave it back to the Democrats. We had two United States Republican Senators, now we have but one, and if we are not watchful and careful, two years hence, we will have none."

Well, Oregon is more solidly and surely Republican than Maryland; yet there is no telling what Republican factional folly might result in.

Ex-Collector of Internal Revenue and ex-State Senator Henry Blackburn, of Heppner, has been in the city this week. He is one of the popular democrats of the state, who is likely to be heard from in state politics in the future, if his party ever gets into power or has a chance of bestowing favors.

Isaiah T. Montgomery, a Negro who was born a slave, is receiver of public moneys at Jackson, Miss., and is filling the office as well as any white man would do.

Oregon has one of the most efficient and experienced surveyor-generals in the country, in the person of Hon. Henry Meldrum. He understands his business.

Food and Dairy Commissioner J. W. Bailey is a very busy man, and is doing an immense amount of good work for the city and state.

Municipal Judge Cameron has made a competent and faithful official, and will doubtless be continued in office if he so desires.

Negroes are full-fledged American citizens, and should both conduct themselves and stand up for their rights as such.

U. S. District Attorney Hall doesn't distinctly claim that he personally tore down that fence. But he aided in the result.

Perhaps there is no more useful man in the United States than Booker T. Washington, a man with a dark skin.

Yes, it may be a warm struggle, but the little giant of Oregon politics will probably maintain his reputation.

When the county has a good, tried, capable Auditor, it would be poor policy to exchange him for a new man.

There will not be so many anti-Republicans after the next election as they imagine themselves to be.

There will be but two legal parties in the next election, republican and democratic; take your choice.

Let us stay by the men who stayed by the party when it needed stalwart and sterling supporters.

Now is a good time to get a lot, if you have the price. Portland real estate is going up.

Mr. Moody will almost undoubtedly be triumphant, both in the convention and the election.

Let the Negro voters let the politicians know that the Negroes must be recognized.

The indications increase that the straight republicans will win in the primaries.

The fire last Sunday again demonstrates the necessity of a fireboat on the river.

The color of a person's skin doesn't necessarily indicate the nature of his heart.

The boiling of the political pot will be watched and described by The New Age.

We want to elect a legislative ticket next time that is true-blue Republican.

Police Commissioner D. Solis Cohen can be depended upon to do his duty.

If you want to read a straight Republican paper, take The New Age.

The republicans must put up a strong man for county clerk.

Clatsop and Crook counties are but a small part of the State.

Register now and vote afterward.

**DREW TWO BLANKS.**

Invitation Reached the Wrong "G. W." but His Tact Saved Him.

Because the notification wagon rattled up to the door just as most of the guests of the evening had assembled, and carried the host off to watch his place of business burn, one fine-looking young man in the company kept himself out of the way as much as possible, his countenance showing that he was both bored and embarrassed, says the Detroit Free Press. This look attracted attention, but the hostess herself was at a loss and hastened to inform herself.

"This is Mr. —?" as she extended her hand.

"Blank. I want to thank you for your kind invitation, I knew that our fathers were acquainted, but I have been away from Detroit since I was a youngster. It was very kind."

"You mean that your father and my husband are acquainted," but she looked so pleased that he knew his pretended mistake had scored. "I can't quite understand it. What are your initials, please?"

"G. W. Not George Washington, but George Worthington, for I see there is a mistake somewhere."

"A very pleasant one, however. To be frank with you, our eldest daughter is engaged to a G. W. Blank. He is not here, and she is inconsolable. Now you see it all."

"How awkward. Your daughter and I are the chief sufferers, I imagine, for it will be an easy thing to set matters right with my namesake, whom I shall hunt up and congratulate. Of course I couldn't make my peace with the disappointed one in her present frame of mind, but I've seen a very charming girl here whose looks tell me she, too, is your daughter. Possibly I could enlist her as a peacemaker."

All of this was accomplished with a musical voice, a deferential manner, and one of those smiles that women go down before. He was introduced, the little god with a quiver made a special case of it, and it is settled that both of the sisters will be Mrs. G. W. Blank.

**A Joke with a Pleasant Ending.**

Not a few clergymen would be glad to be the victims of such a practical joke as was recently played upon Rev. Mr. Hageman, the story of which appears in the Oxford, Michigan, Leader. At the annual meeting of the Congregational Church the question of hiring a preacher comes up for discussion. At the last meeting of this society, when the subject was brought up, a good deacon arose, and said: "All those in favor of retaining Elder Hageman for another year—at the same salary—will please rise."

Not a person rose, and the minister, who was present, felt as uncomfortable as possible, and heartily wished himself anywhere else. Then the good deacon who had put the question arose again, and said, with a twinkle of the eye:

"I see no one favors that motion, so I will put it again in this way: All those in favor of keeping Rev. Mr. Hageman at an increase of salary will please rise."

Every one got upon his feet. Then it dawned upon Mr. Hageman that he had been the victim of a joke, and a smile lighted his eyes and the color returned to his cheeks. Some of his best friends had planned the surprise, and the little scheme had worked to perfection.

**Longest Stone Arch Bridge.**

A long bridge is under construction at Luxembourg, over the Valley of Petruffe. This arch will have a span of 277 feet and a rise of 102 feet. In comparison, the longest existing stone arch is that over Cabin John Creek, on the aqueduct near Washington, D. C. This has a span of 220 feet and a rise of 57 1/2 feet, and is 101 feet above the water level in the creek. An arch over the River Pruth, in Austria, has a span of 273 feet and a rise of 59 feet. The bridge over the River Dee, near Chester, England, has a span of 200 feet.

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