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DEFEAT A SATISFACTION.

Every bimetalist must feel satisfaction at the defeat of Senator Mitchell. He is a policy man, and puts his personal success above principle. Last spring, he used every possible means to keep the good will of populists and democrats, and cited his position on the money question as being worthy of support. Knowing the sentiment of Oregon was for the double standard, he staid with this idea until his own chances were jeopardized, when he straddled in every possible way to keep elective strength. The fact was patent to Mitchell that Multnomah county was really against him as well as many gold standard republicans throughout the state. Knowing this, he believed it best to remain silent and let the June campaign be manipulated by his trusted agents. His party split in many sections of the state, but his agents held up legislative candidates, making a pledge to support him first, last and always, necessary for their election. Where they did not sign pledges, republican candidates were defeated. After the St. Louis platform had been built, Mitchell saw that he must switch or lose certain republican support. He did so, thinking June election pledges would hold the free silver wing and independent bimetalists in line for his candidacy. He stumped the state for McKinley to insure his election, really the very thing which has caused his defeat. Had he kept silent, he would by this time have been elected. When a man puts his own personal success above all other principles and rides over those who are sincere in political faiths, that man's political downfall is a source of satisfaction to many. Last January, when Mitchell wanted Oregon in June, he thought independent bimetalism ahead of and paramount to tariff. In October and November, when he wanted gold standard strength in the legislature, the process of switching was invoked. The mills of the gods grind slowly, but even Mr. Mitchell will agree that they grind exceedingly fine.

WILL GET LOW TARIFF.

Our worthy contemporary, The Independent, is very severe on the Oregonian's attitude on the tariff question. The fact of the matter is the Oregonian is more nearly in line with the ideas of the coming administration on tariff than is the Independent. The old theory that you can invite prosperity by heavy taxation has been exploded time and time again, and the Oregonian is no exception. The Independent will be the change made only. The Oregonian is in hearty accord with those who framed the St. Louis platform and again, with those who made Mr. Bryan's defeat possible, the bolting democrats. The money question was the vital one to them, because bi-metalism would mean money less dear than at present. The vast majority of banks and monied institutions fought a change such as Bryan's success would bring, because silver would have divided the honors and burdens now solely bearing upon the yellow metal. There were no politics in this, but solely a matter of keeping alive the institution of dear money, because this was the life of their business. The Independent, perhaps unwittingly, lined up with the Hannanacy, and is now crying because the Oregonian favors that which the McKinley administration will carry out. When the Independent discovers its error it will overlook it and make another.

AGE OF REASON.

The Unity Church, at Salem, has placed a picture of Thomas Paine on its walls. This would indicate that the life of Paine is one of the grandest creations of the human mind.

is beginning to melt. Mr. Paine's conception of the creator was as much above the Mosaic idea as our present civilization is advanced beyond the savagery of the dark ages. Because he held that Old Testament delineations of God were ridiculous and sometimes blasphemous, he has been reviled by millions of good but unthinking people, but the light is gradually breaking and Paine will live in his works and teachings when dogma has been eliminated from religious philosophy. Mr. Paine was a friend of liberty and his pen did much to kindle the fires of patriotism which was the cause of our liberty as a nation. That such a character, humanity living, could have had a gross conception of true religion as has been charged against him by prelate and layman has long been considered absurd by those who have read Paine's writings with a view of analysis. His finer sensibilities revolted at the Jewish depiction of the Creator and he fought religion as founded upon such literature. People who have read Paine's idea of Divinity, know however, that no conception of Omnipotence could be grander than his.

The recent trouble with the vessels in the United States Navy is a good example of how money is squandered. It has taken millions of dollars to build the fleet and several of the war ships are nearly worthless. Vessels are accepted by men who are not competent to judge the merits of a mud scow and as soon as the property becomes Uncle Sam's something goes wrong. The Cramps have made millions in their dealings with the government and were favored by rejection of all competition, and we now have the result. Business in ship building decidedly could be encouraged in this country. When we get into trouble with a foreign power we shall not feel pleased to see our squadron run off the seas on account of defective vessels.

PUDGING HEAD SCOTT, of the Oregonian, is having an uneasy time of it. It is hard work to watch Simon and Bourne. He is not so dense but what he knows that but a rope of sand binds these two together and a single struggle and all will be upset. Bourne knows Simon will not bear trusting as soon as Mitchell is out of the way, and the Oregonian is now coming out with a cock and bull story about Penneyer trying to get the dems and pops to help Mitchell to his seat. Scott but does this to keep Bourne and Simon in line and hold the compact through to the bitter end in order to defeat Mitchell, whether any legislation is accomplished or not. Scott is driving a wild team and it may yet run away with him.

The Oregon Mist, published at St. Helens, by J. R. Beagle, who formerly was from this city, last week contained an alleged copy of a letter from Senator Patterson, which was written last May, wherein Patterson pledged himself to Mitchell. Beagle editorially exonerates Patterson for not giving the support and accuses him of double dealing. Patterson has steadily refused to recognize the Benson house but has not published he would not vote for him in a legal convention. Patterson thinks it would be better to break a pledge given under duress of liability to defeat than to vote for a man who is "uncertain on the money question."

LAYING political feeling to one side there seems to be no reason why the Independent should not favor the election of Senator Mitchell and deeply sympathize with his defeat. The Independent knows what it is to straddle on important political questions and its attitude in 1895, strongly condemnatory of our present financial system, made that paper very ridiculous throughout the presidential campaign. So it's no wonder it jumps on poor Patterson for choosing between his pledge and fealty to the powers that control his party, in favor of the latter.

LOOKING at the senatorial fight at Salem from a view to the best interests of Oregon it's a fact that Oregon could do worse than send Mr. Mitchell back to Washington. Very true the senator has his faults and failings, and is rather too close to the Southern Pacific, but he has done much good for the State of Oregon. It is almost a certainty that it is Mitchell or no one and it is to be deplored if Oregon's senator is to be cut in twain.

torial strength is to be cut in twain. Mitchell is an unscrupulous politician and a humbug, but the people of Oregon are prone to heartily tolerate humbugs, and for a humbugger, the senator has served with credit.

WHEN republicans take the position that the populists and democrats are to blame for the legislative deadlock they are on very uncertain ground. The republican party should have agreed and been in common line before it should blame the opposition. Had they done this, then, had the democrats and populists staid out of organization there would be some grounds for complaint. As it has been, with the stronger faction of the republicans asking them to come in for organization without any recognition other than to be counted, it looks very foolish for both, or either faction, to blame the Bryan people.

The intimation that Penneyer had made a deal with Mitchell to procure the latter's election to the senate was not well founded. The Oregonian was the first to give credence to the rumor and probably did so to prevent the formation of an agreement. Penneyer is attending to his own business and to an Oregonian reporter he asked that others do the same. The daily probably started the story to throw discredit on the mayor who gave half his salary to charity. That one thing alone was enough to incur the life long enmity of Messrs. Scott and Failing.

THE Portland contingent in the legislature has again made itself notorious in state politics. So long as Simon is at the head of the republican party of the state, just so long may we expect rottenness while they are in power. The state is being held up by the republican party—that is all there is to it, and Simon, the acknowledged leader of the gold standardites is the captain of them all. But they will elect him to succeed himself, because he has brains and generalship. It is either elect "Joe and his gang" or good bye g. o. p.

THE cut in wages since the presidential election is a stinging rebuke to those demagogues who were so freely telling what wonders the election of McKinley would produce. Take for instance, the Astoria and Portland Railroad, which has reduced wages since that event, and then consider why the Oregonian was so emphatic in declaring the road would not be built if Bryan were elected. Did the Oregonian think Bryan's election would mean higher wages and therefore the road would suspend?

CHARGES and counter charges of fraud are flying thick and fast at Salem. If the people elected a senator by popular vote all this disagree would be done away with. As it is there can be no purity in politics. People should have a decided right to vote personally for all officers, even down to post officers and road supervisors. It is high time the people got down to popular government as it should be—not as politicians want it.

THOSE papers which before November promised immediate revival of business after McKinley's election were assured are now trying to hedge by saying Mc hasn't yet been inaugurated. Very true,—but they stated repeatedly that confidence, only, was lacking—and surely that has been restored. But the American people like to be humbugged.

MR. Havemeyer stated before the Lexow committee the other day that he would go into no business unless he could make 15 or 20 per centum on capital stock. As his sugar stock is watered 100 per cent Mr. Havemeyer is making his sugar trust very profitable. But trusts don't exist.

If the farmers of Oregon will encourage dairying, sugar beet culture and the raising of flax it might make some difference in agricultural profits. We have the soil and climate and with the production the manufacturers will come. Don't lose sight of this.

ENTRENCHMENT and Reform! The republicans last May have been "Entrenchment and Reform!" But the same old crowd will be up at Salem two years from now. But, will they!

WE wonder what Governor Lord has done with his message which was ready to pick about a month ago? If it isn't over-ripe by this time its powers of composition must indeed be great!

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It was a mean man who stated that "Si-mon-pure" republicans were solid against Mitchell in the legislature.

No one would blame Mr. Mitchell if he should refuse to serve in the United States senate after March 4th, '97.

The Hatchet should have continued its twice a week fight for Mitchell. To desert the senator in such fashion is neither right nor religious.

So far as the senatorship from Ohio is concerned, in the bright lexicon of prospects Mr. Hanna has found to his sorrow that there is such a word as "phale."

Senator Mitchell fooled some of the people during the presidential campaign, but it is very safe to say that he has not made a success of fooling the legislature.

Mr. Foraker, of Ohio, who is the real cause of Mark not succeeding Sherman's seat in the U. S. Senate, is the one man who could successfully answer the question, "What's the matter with Hanna?"

How can those republicans who "last fall worked so hard to kill free silver and anarchy," now go to Salem and vote for a man who once endorsed it because he thought only to gain political advantage?

Is it possible that Marcus Hanna will wind up his career "a la Wamaker?" From a president builder to a common carrier superintendent! Mr. Hanna should never again get intoxicated or he might unburthen his mind.

Mr. Mark Hanna must have a very warm friendship for Foraker and Bushnell. They will take care of the Ohio senatorship themselves and Hanna has now retired into Havana, while the Gosh of Ohio is clear over the "trocha."

For a man who was at Salem the greater part of January, Mr. Craig, county superintendent, put in a pretty good sized bill for postage for allowance by the county commissioners. Just in what manner he earns his \$20 salary might also be a matter of investigation by the board.

BEAVERTON.

Mrs. L. A. Robinson is still improving and her friends will soon be rejoiced in seeing her moving about once more.

Arthur Kelly, son of our townsman F. C. Kelly, will soon leave for California where he hopes to regain his health.

Our jovial townsman, Gus Rossi, has been confined to his room for some days with an attack of sore throat, but hope to see him out again in a few days.

Mr. Knepper will be road supervisor in this district for the coming year and will have to do some tall rustling if he keeps the roads in a passable condition for the next twelve months.

THE ARGUS comes every week and is full of news.

Mrs. Olive Barnes, wife of Sheppard Barnes, died last Saturday evening after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Barnes was 79 years old. She leaves several sons and daughters and an aged husband to mourn her loss.

W. H. Morton, who has been confined to his bed for several weeks with neuralgia and lambo, is now able to walk with the aid of crutches but cannot sit up any length of time.

Onion men are moving their crop into the market as rapidly as possible. The juicy bulbs are worth 2 cents per pound. Potatoes are also being unearthed for the market, and farmers expect to get one dollar per sack for them.

T. B. Morris has sold his property to John Henry and will soon leave for some better location or fairer land than this.

F. T. Berry, P. M. at Raleigh, is reported to be quite sick of typhoid fever in a Portland hospital. May he soon recover.

Mrs. A. B. Cady is recovering from her recent attack of neuralgia.

There is considerable sickness in the vicinity of Cedar Mill and the roads are not a bit smooth, so says our doctor.

CORNELIUS.

Geo. Sanders, of Yamhill, came down to Cornelius over Sunday.

A. G. Lucas has a very sore hand which is bothering him considerably it being the right hand.

Considerable potatoes are being shipped from Cornelius the last few days.

There will be a social at the M. E. church Saturday evening.

Geo. Hoopengartner was in the city from Portland this week on business.

A. B. Lewis is taking the enumeration of Cornelius district, No. 2, this week.

District Lodge 10 G T met in Cornelius Tuesday and representatives from Sherwood, Dille and Forest Grove were in attendance.

A suit before Justice Dorrien last Saturday was State of Oregon vs. Deviney and the defendant was fined \$10 and the costs.

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Charles A. Williams, H. E. No. 9369 for the S W 1/4 of sec 2 T 1 N R 5 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joseph Campbell, Anson Powell, of Gates Creek, Alexander Raymond and Alfred Raymond of Thatchert, Ore.

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Oscar Anderson, H. E. No. 8843 for the W 1/2 of S W 1/4 of Sec 27 and E 1/2 of S 1/2 of Sec 28 T 1 S R 5 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Benjamin C. Dennis, Charles L. Dennis, of Dille, and Dudley W. Hox and Thomas Sain of Gaston, Oregon.

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Frederick Mast, H. E. No. 9727 for the N E 1/4 of Sec 28 T 3 N R 3 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Andrew J. Hobbie, Ambrose Cox, William J. Gregg and Eliza H. Howell all of Mountaineale, Ore.

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George Relehwien, H. E. No. 10899 for the E 1/2 S W 1/4 and W 1/2 of S E 1/4 of sec 13 T 4 N R 6 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Phineas Fox and John and Charles Eichman of Vermilion; C. H. Welch, of Mountaineale, and Geo W. Relehwien, of Portland.

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