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OREGON'S NEW SENATOR.

Gov. Lord's appointment of H. W. Corbett to the nation's senate to succeed ex-Senator Mitchell is in strict accord with republican policy as formulated by the nation's master minds of that political organization. Mr. Corbett's characteristics are indigenous to the soil and atmosphere of gold standardism and that financial policy grows men of the Corbett type—too many for the general weal of the republic. His nomination is republican; it is in touch with and a part of republican policy. There is no middle ground in the territory of monetary ideas. The line fence of opinion must be on the sunny side of gold standard or else built upon the right-of-way of open mints to both metals at a decided legal ratio. Mr. Corbett has long since built upon the former survey, and we think his policy not for the universal good, yet, this has naught to do with the fact that he stands as the ideal representative of the total vote of Oregon, as given by the returning boards last fall. Corbett is the personification of St. Louisism and a majority of our legal voters are supposed to have two times within the past year cast the ballot in its endorsement, and no who voted for McKinley should be heard complaining. Mr. Corbett will prove a main support to the Oregon congressional delegation, and from him can Messrs. McBride, Ellis and Tongue learn what should be accomplished for the farmer and artisan of our nation.

There is no dishonor in the appointed banker-senator's views, if the November vote has any virtue. He stands by his dollars and would sell them as dearly as possible. If the November vote correctly diagnosed popular sentiment, and we must presume it did, he is simply a just exemplar of popular demand. If our Mitchell friends must complain, they should to the silverites go, and learn how to have ideas on finance which are easily identified.

WILL BE RETIRED.

It seems to be taken for granted that the policy of the president will be to retire the greenbacks and treasury notes and place the power of issue of paper money entirely in the hands of the banks, and maintain the gold standard unless we have international agreement. His remarks on the financial question in his inaugural address convey no uncertain meaning and this is what is contemplated. The associated press dispatches in our dailies tell us that the Rothschilds, on reading Mr. McKinley's utterances on this matter, said: "It is excellent, most excellent."

Of course this will suit the banker of the East and Europe. A few years will realize whether or not it will suit the common work-a-day people of our country. Unless the administration is very careful in the inauguration of the banking system it will be liable to run into the rocks of public discontent.

A MATTER OF BUSINESS.

It is purely a matter of business as to whether or not the counties of Oregon should pay the state tax levy for the year 1896. This levy was made for certain purposes. Those purposes have never ripened. Non-action of the legislature invalidated any demand which formed a part of the levy. For this reason it is clearly evident that the payment of the tax will mean nothing more nor less than piling up money in the state treasury upon which certain officials might fatten. It may be revolutionary but it seems that the various county boards would be justified in not paying the state tax, at least not until they know what rights the people have. The \$17,000 which this county is billed to pay would do much to cut down our warrant indebtedness and reduce interest. We have no legislative session till 1899 it would prove a no

inconsiderable saving to the tax-paying classes.

The various county boards should lose no time in arriving at a common understanding on this important matter and we hope Washington county's board will take the lead in this matter. It may be possible that the state administration would try to force interest in case of non-payment, but no legislative candidacy would go before the people on a platform fighting a remittance of such interest and such part of the principal as would be expedient. It is unjust to ask farmers and taxpayers to pay out money for such purposes as non-use—for speculation by state officials.

If the various county boards of the state can get together on this important proposition they can save their constituencies some money. There is nothing anarchistic about this doctrine—it is simply a matter of justice.

A NATIONAL PRIVILEGE.

In part, Mr. McKinley was right when he stated in his inaugural address that our international troubles should be settled by "arbitration." So they should. But a republic must always be very careful of the arbitrating agency. We are the greatest nation in the world. No other country has so many or so able statesmen. No other people are so permeated, rank and file, with a spirit of fair play and demand for a fair field. Still it is not at all questionable as to which were the better policy, a reliance upon our own national ability in the settlement of our entanglements or the placing of such powers in the hands of those who may be not of democratic environment and strangers to republican ideas. A board of arbitration might invite vacillation in the diplomatic actions of our public servants, and certain it is that a foreign power which was a party to international trouble would appeal to the board at all hazards if such actions were not to their liking. It would seem that we should have faith enough in democracy and republicanism to allow our public servants a chance to exercise their prerogative in such instances and as a matter of fact a board of arbitration would practically render abortive diplomatic decisions of Mr. McKinley's administration, or for that matter, that of any other.

"HOLIER THAN THOU" PAPERS. A no inconsiderable number of our metropolitan papers are having much to say about the "New Journalism" of the New York World, Morning Journal and San Francisco Examiner. It may be the news columns of these sensational papers have a degenerating influence upon society generally, but this is not the reason these papers are subject to such attack. The real cause is animus, pure and simple. The three papers named are all fighting banks and monopolies and this is what is drawing the fires from corporation organs. All prominent bankers' organs and magazines are launching invective at these papers and it is questionable, granting their strictures be true, which has the worse influence on the public, sensational papers, or papers which pursue an editorial policy which tends to mislead the people and cover the doings of corporation influences with a halo of glory.

EX-SENATOR MITCHELL was receiving \$5000 per year for representing Oregon. Just at the time when he should have been at his post of duty—when the most eventful session of Congress was obtaining—he was here in Oregon, intriguing for re-election. When Dolph did this, the Independent and all other anti-Dolph papers kicked up much objection. Now they are silent, and have been on this score, all winter. They knew no difference between Mitchell in the senate and Mitchell at Salem, receiving pay for services never rendered. A fine sense of justice is a very nice thing to have, but these Mitchell republicans seem to desire to apply odious comparisons only to that which is distasteful to them. Let us have a little common honesty in politics and acknowledge the truth.

PORTLAND suffers a loss in the death of Hon. J. N. Dolph. He was a man of genuine intellectual force and statesmanship. He was combative for that which he be-

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lieved, and fought in the open. His environment was such, as a matter of fact, that he was not in touch with the great mass of commoners, but this was his misfortune rather than his fault. He is now with the mother earth and his clay is no better than her texture. Yet, he has been one of Oregon's great men and there are many to testify to his integrity and honor. Peace to his ashes!

SUPERANNUATION appears to be giving youth and middle age a very lively race for fame and honor in these days of bicyclism and '97. A man in physical decay and nigh unto four score has been appointed to the United States senate to represent Oregon—and on the heels of this we are startled to hear that the only John L. Sullivan will again enter the prize ring! Can it be that old De Soto was on the right territory in his quest for the fountain of youth?

SEEM it though unkind to mention one who recent defeat has suffered, yet man who is of woman born, cannot from his mind banish the thought that a certain ex-Senator can now his entire attention to the Mars railway give and ere once more the earth to the zenith tilts its curve, the ooms of the dogstar Sirius may be welcoming the track-layers with bands of brass and silver plated harpsichords.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is said that Mr. McKinley has not yet decided whether or not Mr. Craig shall be postmaster at Forest Grove, Oregon. If Mr. Craig can't get the Forest Grove post office perhaps he can get to cancel stamps at Buxton.

What a queer old world is this, anyway? What vanities, what savagery, what strange inconsistencies we have. The poor brute who wins the Carson City fight will feel more actual joy and pride in his achievement than Mr. McKinley feels in the presidency.

It would be a "standoff" for the Corbetts should the pugilist meet his Waterloo on the 17th of Ireland and the banker be admitted to the United States senate on, or about the same day. Can it be the "Lord" in his wisdom foresaw the fall of the former and to keep up the family prestige hastened to appoint John H.'s successor.

If "Pompador Jim" wins his coming fight he can open up a bank and go to United States senate. That front porch at Canton certainly has a grievance against the front porch of the Capitol building at Washington, D. C., but it can't get out an injunction. Mr. Mitchell at one time thought he was the whole state of Oregon, but now he is disabused of the idea. Mr. Lord,

our governor, has concluded the chapter by assuming the same thing. The U. S. Senate will soon decide whether he is the governor or legislature or just plain Governor Lord.

Never since the war were an outgoing and incoming president on such good terms—Oregonian. But that does not signify that Mr. McKinley can borrow Mr. Cleveland's water dog to go hunting or his works entitled "The Experiences of Isaac Walton."

The people of Hillsboro seem this year to be lacking in proper spirit in the appreciation of the actions of their public servants. It was noticeable that no band met the legislative delegation upon its return from Salem as did it two years ago.

What a wave of sorrow must have shaken Mark Hanna when, at Washington on March 4th, he discovered that it was Mr. McKinley, after all, who took the oath of office.

A NEW CREW.

TO THE EDITOR:—Engineer McKinley and fireman Hobart have just been hired to start the machinery of the United States in the interest of the people, who have concluded to give them a trial and see what there is in them. We need men who can get the machinery started without continually getting hung up on the center. The fellows we have just discharged seldom made a start without a breakdown—a hot box, or a bursted flue, or something that greatly interfered with the progress of business. They hung up at every turn of the wheel and claimed it was on account of 50-cent dollars or some other reason which placed the blame on others; so we have got tired of delays and let them go. Now we have concluded to give these new men a fair trial, and as they have made their first start on March 4th, we want to hear a good report from them. They will find 1897 in about the same condition that the other crew left 1892. They will find considerable repairing to be done. Now as you can have plenty of tariff and a 100-cent dollar, we will leave all these matters to them. Any repairs they report on the work-book will be done promptly and they will find all the help they want at hand; we shall expect great things from them. They have come to us highly recommended by their last employers. They say that their connection with the United States will bring increased earnings, better business, and prosperity in every department of our government. Now let us see that they fulfill these promises.

We don't wish to cast any reflections on these men, but we have been citizens of this government for a good many years; and we have generally found those men who bragged about starting and running the machinery of this government on high or low tariff, found themselves hung up on the center, or the exciter would not generate; or they found a short circuit across the Atlantic that blew out a fuse in the

main circuit of business, which proved to be a disastrous wreck in general, which has cost our government millions of dollars and has filled our land full of idle men and women.

We will say to them now, if they don't know their business, we will soon find it out and their time will expire at the end of the next four years, as the people want light and must have it.

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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

Notice is hereby given that on and after March 5th, 1897, taxes for the year 1896 will be due and payable at the office of the county sheriff in Hillsboro, Oregon. W. D. BRADFORD, Ex-Officio Tax Collector for Washington County, Oregon. Dated at Hillsboro, Ore., this 25th of February, 1897.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of W. V. Dudley, deceased, has filed his final account as administrator of said estate in the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, and said Court has appointed Monday, the 12th day of April, 1897, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. of said day as the time and place for hearing objections to such final account and the final settlement of said estate.

B. F. PURDY, Administrator of the estate of W. V. Dudley, deceased. Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, this 10th day of March, 1897.

Notice of Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR. Feb. 27, 1897. NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Washington County at Hillsboro, Oregon, on April 3, 1897, viz:

William C. Hutt.

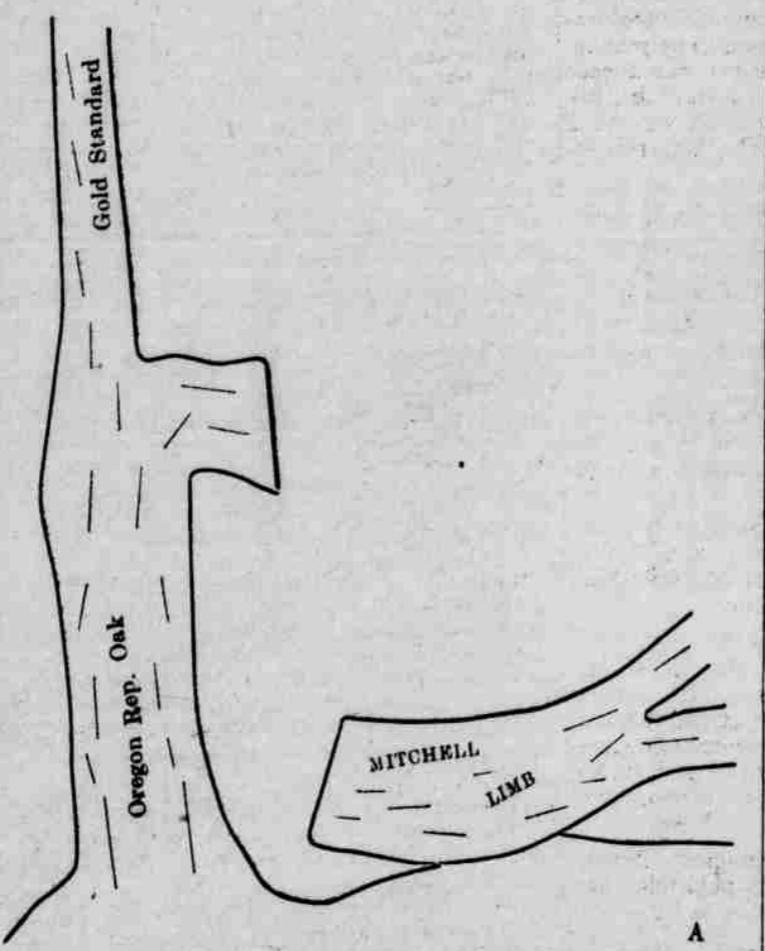
H. E. No. 9449 for the S E 1/4 of sec 21 T 1 N R 5 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Antipas Thomas, Herman Englebregt, William O'Brien and Thomas Groves, of Gales Creek, Ore. 49-6 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

NOTICE OF EXECUTOR.

NOTICE is hereby given that the last will and testament of Emma Stark has been duly admitted to probate by the County Court of the State of Oregon, County of Washington, and that the undersigned has been duly appointed as executor of said will, and has duly qualified and entered upon the discharge of his duties. All persons, therefore, having claims against said estate are requested and required to present them with the proper vouchers to the undersigned, at the law office of S. B. Huston in Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months from date. Dated at Hillsboro this February 17, 1897. CHRISTOPHER HELGOLD, Executor of the last will and testament of Emma Stark, deceased.

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Bendt Pederson. H. E. No. 9381 for the lot 4, sec 7, lot 1, sec 18, T 5 N R 3 W and S 1/4 of N E 1/4 of sec 13 T 5 N R 4 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Karl I. Schwartz, Olof P. Cheddlin, Matthew M. Johnson and Peter Olson all of Keasay, Oregon. 49-6 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

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Otto Kulka. H. E. No. 9289 for the W 1/2 of S E 1/4 and E 1/2 of N W 1/4 of Sec 30 T 4 S R 4 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Donald McMillan, George Kessler, Joseph Steinman and Jacob Dahinden, all of Hayward, Oregon. 50-6 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

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P. C. Filbert. H. E. No. 9690, for the S 1/2 of S E 1/4 N E 1/4 of S E 1/4 and S E 1/4 of N E 1/4 Sec 12 T 2 N R 4 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: W. J. Beach, A. Thornburg, N. S. Prickett and Ira F. Miller, all of Greenville, Oregon. 50-6 ROBERT A. MILLER, Register.

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