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SENATOR MITCHELL.

No Republican journal in Oregon more sincerely regrets the revolutions of moral turpitude, self-procured, which now stain the early private life of our new Senator, than does the REGISTER. The necessity which compels an allusion to it as a matter of newspaper duty, is heartily deplored. The spirit of opposition to a public man which would enter the sacred precincts of his private chamber, and greedily spread before the public eye all of its inner life of error, or crime, committed in the past, where no public end but that of personal hate, or party rancor, or selfishness, can be subserved, is a spirit alike of uncharitableness, and cowardice. The character of a public man should be estimated by his public acts. No pen but that of the newspaper assassin, or the low-down cess-pool scavenger in politics, will seek to go behind the curtain of a man's private life to drag out his private mistakes or errors. But this has been done in the case of our Senator. Personal enemies of Mr. Mitchell, not able to compete with him in the race for political distinction, thirsting to gratify a criminal propensity for revenge, have gone nosing about Pennsylvania and California, and running back over a period of more than a dozen years, they find enough in the private, unfortunate history of Mr. Mitchell, over which to gloat their scavenger propensities. Let their own private lives be subjected to the same rigid ordeal of hate-inspired scrutiny, and we venture they will not come out unpolluted; for pure and high-minded men will never seek to destroy a man's public influence, by making an attack upon his private character. They have brought it all out, however. Mr. Mitchell's past family history is now a matter of public scrutiny. And now let us ask, what has the character of John H. Mitchell, of Oregon, to do with the character of John M. Hipple, of Pennsylvania? The latter, with his forsaken wife; his reported brief season of debauch with an illicit companion; his changed name; his great sins against the laws of God and society, is in the past. Years ago, a besetting sin, a propensity which has clouded the private lives of many of our public men, entailing untold misery upon them and their families, caused him to yield the behests of his better judgment to the instincts of a depraved passion, and he fell. Sad that it was so. Sad that in the way of sin one evil so crowds upon another, that no power seems able to rescue. But in the person of John H. Mitchell, of Oregon, we do not recognize these sins. We see a man of generous impulses; of warm friendships of unimpeached integrity. We see a courteous and able lawyer; an ambitious and successful and honored politician. We see a citizen of Oregon, who has, during a residence of many years among her people, so lived and acted in every relations as to succeed in commanding their friendship and confidence. In the character of John H. Mitchell, as has been daily wrought out among us in Oregon, the people are

not disgraced in the Senate of the United States. Take his public business and professional life, as lived among us, and who among his political enemies, his jealous opponents, can show a better record? The Democratic press of Oregon, and his personal enemies, would be glad to have him resign. They are now holding up their anxious hands in pretentious holy horror, and clamoring for his resignation. Ah, what is the motive? Would it be so were he a Democrat? We trow not. Is it a virtuous zeal for the honor of the State that influences them, or is it a zeal for the good of their party? They know the vacancy occasioned by his resignation would be filled by an appointee of Governor Grover. Of course such appointee would be a Democrat. Of course they are now inspired by a tremendous zeal for the honor of the State! But the majority of public sentiment in Oregon is Republican, and politically Mr. Mitchell represents it. It is true the exposures relative to his early life will in a measure restrict his influence, but it will not destroy it. We prefer him, with his influence, backed by a noble determination to struggle in the path of a pure life to as far as possible atone for the sins of his early years, to the humiliation of being represented in the United States by a Democrat. Politically he is right; and in the promotion of the material interests of Oregon in the Senate, his influence will be worth more to the State than any five Democrats it were possible for Governor Grover to appoint to succeed him. We call upon Senator Mitchell to disregard the selfish, partisan cries of Democrats; to do his Senatorial duty in the fear of God, and by a scrupulous adherence to the laws of a sober and virtuous life, he will have the support of all charitable and right-thinking men.

The *Bulletin* says the Warm Spring scouts returned to the Dalles on Monday morning, in excellent spirits, but rather the worse in clothes. They turned over their horse equipments and arms to an officer at the barracks, and then received their pay, amounting to \$13 per month each, and \$12 for horse, making a total to each warrior of \$225 for three months service. So soon as they received their money they went to spending it for such articles as suited their fancy. In the evening they danced a scalp dance in the old woolen mill.

Eastern journals show a vast amount of ignorance relative to places and points on this coast; but the ignorance displayed in the following was not expected from the *San Francisco Chronicle*: "A railroad from Cornwallis, Oregon, to Yakima Bay is talked of. The distance is sixty miles and the road would connect a large agricultural area with a shipping point." If that journal had said Corvallis, instead of Cornwallis, and Yaquina, instead of Yakima, its ignorance would have been less apparent.

General Rutherford, Third Auditor of the Treasury Department, arrived in Portland last week, and in company with Colonels Bachelier, Jones and others, left for the Dalles.

The *Bulletin* says Robert M. Donovan, son of John Donovan, of that city, has passed the examination at Annapolis, and is enrolled among the midshipmen.

Resolutions of Condolence.

At a regular meeting of Covenant Lodge No. 12, I. O. O. F., held June 20th, 1873, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty Ruler of the Universe, to remove from our midst, by the hand of death, our well-beloved brother, Wm. Mansfield, be it

Resolved, That with reverent submission we bow to the will of the Great Creator, realizing that His wisdom is infinite, and that "He doeth all things well."

Resolved, That in the death of our brother this lodge has suffered an irreparable loss; and that while we emulate his virtues, his memory shall ever be enshrined in our hearts.

Resolved, That to the afflicted relatives we tender our heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolence, in this, the hour of their bereavement, commending them to the care of "Him who tempereth the wind to the shorn lamb."

Resolved, That the charter of this lodge be draped in mourning, and that the members of the lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for the period of thirty days.

Resolved, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be spread upon the records of the Lodge, and that the widow of the deceased brother be furnished with a copy of the same, and that the same be furnished the ALBANY REGISTER and State Rights Democrat, for publication.

JAMES RILEY,
HENRY REAMS,
J. M. SHELLEY,
Committee.

The *Denver News* says a project is on foot among English capitalists for tunneling the Rocky Mountains. Prodigious as it may seem, the parties having it in view are sanguine of its success. They propose to tunnel from a point about one mile below Black Hawk to the Middle Park, running in a north-westerly direction. The tunnel when completed will be twelve miles in length. It is presumed many rich veins of gold and silver will be cut, thus developing valuable mining interests. It will be made large enough to be used for railway purposes. The project is to be called the Sierra Madre Tunnel Company. The incorporation papers for its organization have been filed.

A. B. Meacham was in New York on the 21st, and is reported as saying that the Modocs who participated in the assassination will be convicted and executed. He thinks the effect of an acquittal or pardon after conviction would render other tribes unrestrainable. The men who murdered the Modoc prisoners should be hung on the same gallows with the Indian murderers, he thinks. His advice relative to the Indians not guilty of participation in the massacre, is for them to be remanded to their reservation, to be distributed among other tribes.

Victoria Woodhull is not dead after all. She fell to the floor at her residence as stated, but did not die dead. Blood flowed copiously from her nose and mouth, and she was found to be unconscious. Physicians were summoned whose efforts, after a time, succeeded in bringing back some animation. She was not expected to live. She is the advocate of a most pernicious philosophy, and her death could not be regarded as a loss except by those who believe in it.

The *Bedrock Democrat* heads an article, "Have we two U. S. Senators?" That journal seems to have forgotten all about Mr. Kelly, and think, Mr. Mitchell is the only one. Yes, there are two, Mr. Democrat—Mr. Kelly is one, and Mr. Mitchell is two. See it?

Schuyler Colfax is to deliver a Fourth of July oration before the Cincinnati Odd Fellows.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Pope was to deliver an allocution on last Monday, and the excommunication of King Victor Emmanuel was expected to be pronounced. King Victor ought to reciprocate the compliment, and excommunicate the Pope.

Another Ministerial crisis is rumored in Spain.

The Shah of Persia is in London. A ball was given in his honor on the 20th. On entering, the Lord Mayor presented him with an address in a gold casket.

Cholera was in Berlin on the 20th.

The Great Eastern had laid 1,050 miles of cable at noon on the 22d. She was in latitude 54° 6'.

The Carlist Chief, Seballo, shot the Alcade of Mura last week, because he neglected to give notice of the approach of the Republican force. Several Carlist leaders have recently been shot—some by their own men.

A dispatch from the Khivan expedition announces that the Tash-kind column, under General Kaufman, had captured a strong fortress at Kesarah, sixty miles from Khiva.

EASTERN NEWS.

There were two deaths from Cholera symptoms in Cincinnati on the 18th.

The judgment of the court in the case of Susan B. Anthony is that she pay a fine of \$100 and costs of suit. A motion for a new trial was made.

The two officers who permitted Susan B. Anthony to vote were each fined \$25 and \$30 and costs.

A fatal case of cholera was reported from Georgetown, D. C., on the 20th inst.

The weather was 94° in the shade in New York on the 19th.

The Secretary of the Treasury does not intend to resign, as reported.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Last week M. Bradley was killed by a bank caving in while he was at work in Rye valley, Baker county.

The sum of \$600 has been appropriated by Oregon City for street improvements.

The *Bulletin* says that quite a village is now established in Holladay's Addition to East Portland, and the houses are neat models of residences.

Portland is making big preparations for celebrating the glorious Fourth.

The Apaches have begun to murder settlers again.

The *Statesman* says that last Sunday a colored barber of that city, named Samuel Johnson, was found dead in the rear of his shop on Commercial street. A jury summoned in the case, after hearing the professional opinion of Dr. Payton, found that the deceased came to his death by the rupture of a blood vessel.

The body of Miss Huntley, drowned in the Umpqua, was not recovered after all. Her body was found in the river some distance below her father's residence. The young man who found it drew it upon the bank and proceeded to summon the neighbors, but before their return, the river had raised and floated the body off.

The *Statesman* says Rev. S. Bowers received over forty persons into full membership in the M. E. Church of that city last Sunday evening. They are of a class promising great usefulness.

Hot, is the way the weather is in Salt Lake City.

At Corinne, Utah, rattlesnakes are many.

Theo. Burmister, formerly of Portland, is now practising law in Salt Lake City.

Three masked highwaymen robbed the stage from Downieville, Cal., to Marysville, near the Oregon House, on the 23d. They obtained a gold bar valued at \$2,300 and \$500 in coin from the treasure box of Wells, Fargo & Co. They did

not molest the passengers, although one had \$500 on his person.

The Board of Health of San Francisco is taking precautions against cholera, draining alleys, etc.

Brigham Young is building a magnificent residence at Salt Lake City for his last affinity. It is said he will board with her and not take any more; but that is doubted.

More shocks of earthquake are reported in the Upper Columbia region.

A large number of Chinese are encamped in the northern portion of Portland.

Some farmer sold a Portlander the other day a firkin of mashed potatoes for butter. There was a crust of butter on top.

Blue grass is growing six feet high in a place in Lane county.

Linkville will celebrate on the Fourth.

Junction City is intending to build another new church.

Three dwelling houses were burglarized at Jacksonville, last week, but little was obtained.

Utah mines are surpassing former years in yield.

Wilson and Savage, the Last Chance Saloon, near Salem, robbers were given five years each in the Penitentiary by Judge Bonham last week.

Some 5,000 persons attended the annual meeting of the Christian denomination at Dixie, Polk county, last week. Wm. Bragg, the oldest man in Oregon, 102 years, was present.

Three bears have been carrying off the sheep, hogs and cattle of the people near Glenico, lately. A company of men started out to hunt them the other day.

Three gentlemen and one lady composed the graduating class of the State Agricultural College at Corvallis this year.

Salt Lake whisky is found to contain strychnine, alkali, sage, and Sevier sea serpents in abundance.

Three families arrived in Polk county last week direct from Sweden. They were the forerunners of sixty families.

Mr. Johnson, living near Cornelius, killed a one year old bear with a jack knife a few days since.

The *Statesman* says that Miss Huntley, of Douglas county, who, it was stated some weeks ago, had mysteriously disappeared, has recently been found drowned in the Umpqua river. She is supposed to have drowned while wading or bathing in the river, her shoes and stockings being found on the bank. She was a daughter of Mrs. Dr. Sawtelle, of Salem, by a divorced husband with whom the young lady was living at the time of her decease.

The contract for building the bridge across the Yamhill at Dayton has been let to General Coffin for \$2,500.

The Spiritualists of Clackamas county will hold a grove meeting July 12th and 13th at the grove near Parrot's.

A bill prohibiting hurdy houses is about to become a law in Montana.

Many grain fields in Walla Walla valley are being damaged by grasshoppers and squirrels. In some places they have taken it for acres.

The Digger Indians are complaining of the Chinese, who interfere with their monopoly of the wild blackberry trade.

The campmeeting at Black River, W. T., is reported in the *Advocate* a grand success. Many were converted and about twenty united with the church. Some professed the blessing of perfect love.

Near Santa Rosa, Cal., on the 18th, two clerks, Charles Hoffer and Valentine Scheimer, were sleeping in the same room. The former was dreaming the store was about to be robbed, and believing that he saw the robber, fired and killed Scheimer. The prisoner was discharged on the ground of accidental killing.