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An amusing circumstance occurred a few days ago at the Hume mill, where one of the laborers, an Italian, suffered an injury to his foot, over which a heavy truck was drawn. The man went limping into the office and to Store Keeper Badollet related that his fingers had been badly hurt. Mr. Badollet eyed the man's hands, but could see nothing wrong with them, so, holding up the hands of the man for

inspection, the store keeper told him he was mistaken. The man became somewhat excited to explain that he meant "his other fingers," pointing to his feet. Mr. Badollet sent him to Mr. Hume, who occasionally, in emergency cases, attends to injured men, and the following day the man called in at the office to tell Mr. Badollet his fingers were getting along pretty well, but that his thumb was still quite sore.

WARM FIGHT IS PROMISED

Former Senator Simon to Try to Capture Multnomah County Primaries.

MITCHELL MEN ARE SANGUINE

Simon Is Out of the Race, but Is Planning to Bring About the Election of a Dark Horse.

Politics has again become an interesting topic in Oregon, especially in view of the near approach of the county elections. Multnomah is, as usual, the hotbed of all that is said and done, and the outcome of the primaries there will practically decide the question of supremacy. In Clatsop little interest is being shown in the situation locally, for the reason that both parties are quite well satisfied to keep a United States senator at Washington. Indeed, a prominent member of the citizen organization expresses the opinion that republican legislative candidates will be decided upon by the two county committees, with the understanding that they shall pursue a certain course so far as local matters are concerned, and take such action in the matter of the election of a senator as will best subserve the interests of Senator Ful-

ton. Senator Mitchell's present term expires in 1907, and the legislature which meets in the early spring of that year will choose his successor. If Mr. Mitchell's health is good, and there is no reason at present to indicate that it will be otherwise, he will doubtless be re-elected. While the election is three years off, the coming county elections will have material bearing on the 1907 situation, not only because state senators will be chosen for four years, and will, therefore, have a voice in the selection of Senator Mitchell's successor, but also because the elections will denote the direction of the political breeze.

Senator Simon announces emphatically that he is out of the race—that he has no further longing to represent Oregon in the upper branch of congress. He served one term at Washington, and the experience was not a pleasant one. "Under no circumstances," says the former senator, "will I be a candidate for Senator Mitchell's place, nor do I anticipate that I ever again will seek the honor at the hands of my party here in Oregon. I am out of the senatorial contest for all time."

The question of national politics enters largely into local situations this year, for the well known reason that there are some republicans who do not favor the nomination of President Roosevelt. Senator Simon's past utterances have only too plainly denoted that he does not bear for the president the friendliest feeling, and there is a lurking suspicion he may carry the primaries and send a delegation to Chicago which will oppose Mr. Roosevelt's aspirations. Many other republicans who admire the president have greater admiration for Senator Hanna, whose name, it is believed generally will certainly be sprung at the convention. The Simon followers have been strong in the past and might, with the aid of the Hanna republicans, control the primaries and dictate the personnel of the national delegation. For this reason the republican city and county central committee of Multnomah recently urged, in an address to the public, the re-election of Senator Mitchell, evidently being of the belief that the interests of Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Mitchell are identical. The committee holds that the return to power of Mr. Simon will be a direct blow at the administration.

As to this Mr. Simon has little to say, except to reiterate the statement recently made by him that he is not making any fight on the president. He says he is being misrepresented and refers to the committee's address as a lot of absurdities. That the former senator is preparing for war, however, is evident from the vigorous manner in which he attacks the administration of the Mitchell officials of the county, and it seems quite probable the primaries will be hard fought as was the case two years ago.

"Behind it all lies the political fortunes of another man," said an Astorian yesterday. The gentleman in question keeps close tag on Oregon politics. "This dark horse is being

groomed as Senator Mitchell's opponent, and it is whispered he will have the support of the Oregonian, which seems anxious at all times to lend aid and encouragement to the enemy by parading his claims before the public. Could I name the dark horse? Why, bless you, of course I could! but that would be indiscreet just at the present time. No; it is not Mr. Scott, of the Oregonian—for Mr. Scott isn't dark enough.

"I am satisfied the Mitchell republicans will easily win in the primary election, for there is general satisfaction with Oregon's present exceptional team in the upper house. Not since the lamented Senator Dolph was at Washington with Mr. Mitchell has Oregon been so ably represented, and any change would be suicidal. I believe the vast majority of Portland republicans entertain this view and I look to see the Simon faction snowed under this summer. But Mr. Simon will fight."

PERSONAL MENTION

E. Shelly Morgan, is in the city from Portland.

C. V. Brown has returned from a trip to Cathlamet.

Miss Frances Thomas, who is attending school at St. Helen's Hall, is in the city.

Miss Alwina Kerchoff went to Portland last night where she will visit for a few days.

Alex. Gilbert came down from Portland last night to spend today and tomorrow with his people.

Mrs. W. E. McAfee went to Portland yesterday morning where she will visit for a few days.

The freight department of the O. R. & N. Co. has just issued a handsome pamphlet dealing with agricultural and cattle raising conditions in the state of Oregon. The information contained in the pamphlet was prepared by R. C. Judson, industrial agent for the company, and the booklet is one of the most interesting editions of the kind ever sent out by the freight department. The report covers the experimental work of Mr. Judson with grasses and alfalfa, the cultivation of corn and summer fallow and the result of the sales of pure bred cattle. Fine illustrations appear in the book, and it will prove of great value not only as an advertising medium, but also as a source of information to agriculturalists in the northwest.

ARMSTRONG DIES

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yard, where the teams had been left, preparatory to starting home, Armstrong deliberately shot her. Armstrong then turned the revolver toward himself and fired one shot, the bullet grazing his forehead and stunning him slightly. Miss Enaminger died the following morning. Armstrong was convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged under a law the existence of which provided that hangings should be conducted by the sheriff of the county where the crime had been committed. While under this sentence a stay of execution was granted by the state supreme court, pending a hearing of the case on appeal. Before the case was determined a new law went into effect provided that all hangings should take place at the penitentiary and be conducted by the warden.

At the recent special session of the legislature a law was passed amendatory to the new law which had failed to provide for the hanging of condemned murderers sentenced under the old law but not executed prior to the time that it passed out of existence. Armstrong's attorneys contended that the court, having sentenced the murderer to be hanged by an official who had thereafter lost his authority, it could not review its own decision and pass a new sentence; also that the act of the legislature amending the new law was ex post facto and unconstitutional, and that there was no one vested with authority to execute the condemned man. This point was thrashed out in all the state court, the decision in every instance being adverse to Armstrong. Application was then made to the United States district court for relief on the same grounds. The federal court ruled that a law to be ex post facto must affect the degree of punishment and that a failure to provide a means for carrying out the sentence did not alter the nature of the old law nor affect the right of the condemned man one way nor the other. On Wednesday, the state supreme court denied a motion for Yesterday, the supreme court rendered the opinion that the death warrant was valid and the law was allowed to take its course.

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