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STRANGE POLITICAL COMBINATION THAT WOULD SACRIFICE PORTLAND

Senator Mitchell, Who Now Is Friendly With Editor Scott, Was Once Unmercifully Abused and Termed "Scoundrel and Falsifier.

Ambitious to Be Senator From Oregon, the Editor of the Local Newspaper Trust Is Willing to Add Mitchell, Matthews, Bancroft, or Any One Else to His List of Supporters.

Oregon at last may let in the light. For years she has suffered the op-pression of a slave enthralled by political bonds that seemed impossible to sever. The inconsistencies of men who profess to have the interest of the state and Portland at heart can no longer be hidden at will of the once solitary newspaper that combined to shut out the truth, capture the Associated Press and maintain a press censorship that is aimed at muncipal and state freedom.

The Journal presents a few quoted articles from the pen of the gentleman who now espouses the cause of W. F. Matthews and who is hand in glove with Senator Mitchell. The combine involves a trade for the United States Senatorship. Mitchell promises Mr. Scott to recommend F. A. Bancroft for postmaster. Bancroft is Matthews' man. Scott wants Matthews' influence at Salem and Bancroft and the Southern Pacific want the Portland postoffice. But Scott did not always have Mitchell. That Portland should suffer from

unholy alliances may not be a surprise when readers learn that the local newspaper trust once attacked Mitchell in the most scandalous fashion.

Senator Mitchell was probably entirely innocent of the charges that his now warm political friend assailed him with; some people, in fact many people, believe that he was, but the incidents of the past and the situation of the present remind us that at least one man in Portland, who has attempted to control her destinies and her public printing, is so susceptible to the weakness of human nature that his actions recall Pope's lines:

"Vice is a monster of so frightful mien, As to be hated needs but to be seen Yet, seen too oft, familiar with her face We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

No event in the political history of the state of Oregon during the past 30 years has been so continuously in the most vindictive of such articles appeared, and to show the general charminds of the people nor provocative of more bitterness than the feud existing between John H. Mitchell, United States Senator, and Harvey W. Scott. editor of the Oregonian. This feud was confined to no particular period, nor to Portland gione. It ramified the entire state for years, permeated every nook and corner of this great commonwealth. Men who enjoyed the closest friendships for years found themselves arrayed in enmity against each other, bitter, implacable enemies over discussion of the charges and countercharges made by these two prominent politicians, and the Mirchell and anti-Mitchell partisans have been strongly entrenched against each other at every state or county convention for more than a quarter of a century. In fact, not even a school district election, in ome localities of the state, was free from the baneful influence of the

To the older residents in Oregon the During all these years his activity in fearful charges made by Mr. Scott in politics has been directed against the John H. Mitchell, the infamies he was branded with, are well remembered. During the course of many years these charges were, in one form or another, reiterated and republished, and Mitchell challenged to bring suit against the Oregonian and its editor, both criminally and by civil process, to prove, if he could, the falsity of the helnous offenses laid at his feet. Senator Mitchell refused to take up the challenge, and in 1885 the Oregonian gloated over the alleged frightful revelations it had made in its public unmasking of Mitchd fac-simile letters of his, letters bearing the well-known, indisputable signature of John H. Mitchell, in justification of the repeated charges Oregonian had made, and to make d its word that such fac-similes would be forthcoming as soon as they could be produced.

RELENTLESS WARFARE. This relentless warfare on the part of H. W. Scott against J. H. Mitchell was H. W. Scott against J. H. Mitchell was kept up continuously until about two years ago, when, to the utter amaze-ment of the friends of both, rumors were spread that the two men had ef-fected a reconcillation. Events fol-lowing events proved such rumors to be correct, and it was noticed that Mitchell and Scott were frequently in accepted by the friends of Mr. Scott who, in their political loyalty to him were classed as anti-Mitchellites; that ohe reason was that Scott possessed a consuming desire for a seat in the United States Senate, and, falling to convince the Republican party leaders that he should be the recipient of such that he should be the recipient of such public honor, he bolted the true and tried friends who had fought his political battles for years, and cringingly crawled to the feet of the man whom he had denounced as "a lecherous poltroon, seducer, llar, villain and bribetaker," and sought the help and influence of this man whose life he had sought for years to blast simply to further his own political aspirations. ther his own political aspirations. AMAZING ACTION.

The friends of Mitchell were as much the hand of fellowship to his traducer Scott over the amazing action on his part. The force of the frightful charges made by Scott against Mitchell charges made by Scott against Mitchell for so many years lost its effectiveness and those who in years back believed the monstrous charges against him. as set forth day by day in the Oregonian, tempered their past belief with the thought that a man occupying the position in the state of H. W. Scott, who could, after making such a series of ac-cusations against a fellow man, to keep cusations against a fellow man, to keep these charges paraded time and again in public print for years, and then in the end to seek out this selfsame man, implore his friendship and political help, in the hope of furthering his own selfish ambitions, was not a man who could be safely entrusted to any position of honor. Admitting all that he has said against the character and reputation of John H. Mitchell, he falls immeasurably lower than the victim of utation of John H. Mitchell, he falls immeasurably lower than the victim of his implacable hatred in former years, through his effort now to get into the United States Senate by the help of John H. Mitchell, and over the wrecks made of former friendships, to reach the goal of personal ambition.

It would be impossible to reproduce all that H. W. Scott has written and printed in the editorial columns of the

acter of the same, several of these edi-torials written by Scott are reproduced elsewhere. And in face of this scandalous rec-ord of parry and attack, Scott today is hurrying to the support of Mitchell.

MITCHELL'S ELECTION. The election of J. H. Mitchell at the special session of 1885 was regarded as a personal triumph for him over his vindictive and relentless pursuer, H. W. Scott. But it must be remembered that only by the aid of Democratic votes was Mitchell chosen to again represent Oregon in the United States Senate. Two years ago he was again elected Senator, not by Republican votes, but through the timely assistance of his Democratic and Populistic suphis Democratic and Populistic sup-porters in the Legislature, a sufficient number of these by their votes making it possible for Mitchell to achieve an honor that the Republicans, as repre-sentatives of their party, refused to bestow on him. John H. Mitchell's course during the

the Oregonian against the character of regular Republican organization in the John H. Mitchell, the infamies he was state. His followers, after being refused representation at the state convention in Astoria, returned home, bolt-ed the Republican ticket, set up one of their own and established Mitchell headquarters in Portland. W. F. ("Jack") Matthews was at the head of this movement to defeat the Republican ticket in 1896, and has been rewarded for his treachery by appointment to a lucrative Federal position. But behind them was their political deity and mas-ter, John H. Mitchell. Under cover he directed the movement of the Mitchell-Republican faction, and the hybrid ticket he was compelled to put in the field in opposition to the regular Re-

publican party. During the days of the early '90s, when the Democratic wave of Bryanism threatened to sweep over the state, unler its banner of free silver John H. Mitchell had not a word to say in de-fense of the gold standard. He made a few perfunctory campaign speeches in return of the promise given him that if McKinley was elected he (Mitchell) should dictate the Federal patronage

of Oregon. AFTER RESULTS SHOWED THE TRUTE OF SUCE PROMISE MADE, AND ITS PULFILLMENT WAS ONE OF THE REASONS TEAT THE ORE-GORIAR, IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON, TURNED THE VIALS OF STATEMENT WEINLEY AND UT-TERED NO SINGLE WORD OF FA-VOR FOR HIM UNFIL AFTER THE BULLET OF A MUZDEROUS ASSAS-SIN EAD ADDED TO THE LIST OF OUR MARTINED PRESIDENTS. AFTER RESULTS SHOWED THE

NOW ASKS FAVORS. Now Harvey W. Scott is an active candidate for United States Senator and in the hope of succeeding seeks the help of John H. Mitchell to pull him help of John H. Mitchell to pull him through. What manner of man can this same E. W. Scott he? Did he tell the truth when he arraigned John H. Mitchell before the bar of public opinion and heaped upon him one frightful charge after the other, and defying the man to deny the same? If these charges are true, what manner of man is it that now grovels in the mud at the feet of the man he so bitterly denounced; and the man he so bitterly denounced, and

craves help to receive a seat in the United States Senate. United States Senate.

IP THESE PUBLICLY - PRINTED CHARGES WERE NOT TRUE, AS JOHN H. MITCHELL SOLEMNLY AVERS THEY WERE NOT, WHAT AVERS THEY WERE NOT, WHAT ANNHER OF MAN IS JOHN E. MITCHELL, WHO ENTERDS THE HAND OF PELLOWSHIP TO THE MAN WHO FOR MORE THAN A CHAPTER OF THE MAN WEO FOR MORE THAN A CHAPTER OF THE MAN WEO FOR MORE THAN A CHAPTER OF THE MAN WEO FOR MORE THAN A CHAPTER OF THE MAN WEO FOR MORE THAN A CHAPTER OF THE MAN WEO FOR MORE THAN A CHAPTER OF THE MAN WEO FOR MORE THAN A CHAPTER OF THE MAN WEO FOR MORE THAN A CHAPTER OF THE MAN WEO FOR MORE THAN A CHAPTER OF THE MAN WEO FOR MORE THAN A CHAPTER OF THE MAN WEO FOR MORE THAN A CHAPTER OF THE MAN WEO FOR MORE THAN A CHAPTER OF THE MAN WEO FOR MORE THAN A CHAPTER OF THE MAN WEO FOR MORE THAN A CHAPTER OF THE MAN WE WAS A CHAPTER OF THE MAN WE W MAN WHO FOR MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A CHENTURY BASILY TRADUCED HIM BY FALSE REPRESENTATIONS AND, AS IN THE DEPENDED SET UP AT THE TIME, BY FORGURY ONE OF TRESH MEN TODAY IS ASKING THE PROPER OF OREGON TO SEND HIM TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE; THE OTHER IS SECRETLY COMMITTED TO SECURE TO HIS FORMER FOR SUCH HOSSELLE THAT THOSE WHO RAYE A VOICE IN THE SELECTION OF THE HEAT UNITED STATES RENATOR TO BE LECTED CAN, AFTER READING THE CHARGES MADE AGAINST MITCREAL BY SCOTT, AND THEN AFTER MAKING SUCH FRANCUL DISCLOSURES TO GIVE THE LIE TO ALL HE WROTE ST OFFMLY SEEK-ING THE TREETS HE POTSELY SEEK-ING THE TREETS HE POTSELY OF SUCH AMANGURE THERE WAS TO FLACE HIM IN THE UNITED STATES KENATOR.

WHAT THE TRUST SHEET PUBLISHED

Vicious Attacks on Mitchell by the Editor of the Oregonian.

The first foul attack instigated by cott was as follows:

"J. H. MITCHELL." (Morning Oregonian, Saturday, Nov. 14, 1885.)

Today we unfold some new chapters in the life of J. H. Mitchell. We do it because he is a candidate for the United States Senate, and because it is the public duty of a public journal to let it be known what manner of men they are who seek' public honors, yet are wholly unworthy of them. Alike in his professional, political and official character, J. U. Mitchell stands for every thing that is corrupt, immoral and infamous. The Oregonian has the proofs of it, and it is its duty as a public journal, since he is urged for election to the Senate, to present them. It would have been more than willing to escape the necessity of doing so, but they who are urging him for the Senate, with his consent, of course, have made it im-possible. Upon his personal character, with the revelations of his baseness and large. It is enough to say that all hith erto known of him falls immeasurably below this new disclosure of infamy. Of the man who plies the slater of his wife, in his own home, with the arts of a seducer, and proposes to put her in the place of the mother of his children, whom he promises to repudiate and dishonor-of such a man language make no adequate characterization. matter is entirely consistent in cumulative infamy with the history of his life as hitherto known. But if that was "youthful indiscretion," what, is

His professional career has accorded Herein, again, he has been entirely true to his natural character. His of practicing law has always been that of seeking undue advantage by in-trigue and corruption, over the machinery of the courts; and it is notorious that he owed his success in Portland for years to the ascendency he held over persons connected with the ad-ministration of the law. Judges, sher-iffs, jurors, referees, administrators iffs, jurors, referees, administrators were his tools, and he got reputation as a lawyer and made money by meth-ods to which honorable lawyers would

the Republican party during this long period have been due. He has taken political action from the high plane of principle and degraded it to an unseemly contest for personal and private obejets. It has always been his habit to appeal to the low, sordid and mercernary motives of men; never to disinterested and manily purposes. Under his methods the public mind has been debased, Legislatures have been corrupted; a class of men has been brought forward who "smell their particular from the general weal;" a corrupt and corrupting sang has been drawn together in the legislative lobbles; in every county a clique has been created, composed of the most unscrupulous men, who praise the master of corruption, imitate his tactics and do his work because they profit by him and his methods, or hope to do so. Taught from this system, gangs in both parties in almost every county to the control of the control Taught from this system, gangs in both parties in almost every county try to get to the Legislature expressly that they may find opportunity to profit by corruption, and too often they succeed. Thus, chiefly by this man, the politics of the state have been debauched and corrupted to an extent that once would have been deemed incredible. It is time he were retired forever. His retirepolitics for the state and peace and

politics for the state and peace and credit for the Republican party.

Some of his kind, undoubtedly, are proud of him as "a great man," because he has done and can do these things. This is of a plece with the pride of those who admire a great corruptionist like Tweed, or a great swindler like Wood. Anyone can do these great things if he is brave enough. Let scoundrelism, activity and hardihood be multiplied together, and you get the multiplied together and you get the

But besides those who admire Mitch-ell because he is near to them in depravity of character and makes politics minister to their versions vices, there are many others who, captivated by the smooth and plausible manner of a scoundrel, are blinded to the deformity of his moral nature, and think him an interesting man. This is the source of much of the strength he has exhibited in our politics. The chief object of the publication made today is to tear the mask from the man so that these persons may be better able to see him

been as corrupt as in any other rela tion. He sought and took money cor-ruptly when he was a Senator, and used it in living riotously at Washington, and in supporting his system of politics in Oregon. During his whole term in the Senate he was on the side of the great moneyed corporations, and worked for them with more zeal than he would for any interest of his own state. After his term expired, he be-came the salaried lobbyist at Washington of the greatest corporations, and was only dismissed as such a short

Such is J. H. Mitchell. But the pic-His political career has been of a piece with the rest. He has been a disturbing and corrupting force in the politics of Oregon for 20 years. To him and to him alone all the dissensions of self again, with all his record of in-

The Oregonian has deliberately charged J. E. Mitchell with the most hideous crimes. Nothing that a newspaper could publish about a man could possibly put upon him so deep a brand possibly put upon him so deep a brand of infamy to support these charges; the reputation and the liberty of the proprietors and of the editor are at stake. Het only so, but the Oregonian is a valuable property, and that property is wholly at stake, too. As a property it represents the whole work of the lifetime of its proprietors, and if it has not told the truth about J. H. Mitchell its proprietors may be stripped of their its proprietors may be stripped of their property, adjudged criminals and ut-terly ruined. J. H. MITCHELL, DO YOU HEAR THIS CALL?

Again, since the statements, if not true, are atrogiously and criminally libelous, we put the call in another form: Will you, J. H. Mitchell, this morning, cause the arrest of the editor of this paper for criminal libel? He will demand an examination this day. He will put you, J. H. Mitchell, on the witness stand, subpuls to your in precion tirose letters, and ask you if you wrote them letters, and ask you if you wrote them—yes or no. If yes, then enough has been said; if no, you will be prosecuted at once for perjury and landed in the penitentiary, where you belong. Again, J. H. Mitchell, will you institute this proceeding? Liar and scoundrel! You

dare not do ttl You say these letters are "forgeries. This is your word of denial only. Will you take the proceeding this morning that will enable you to go on the stand and declare under oath that they are forgeries? If this is a libel, and you ed Semitor by acclamation and the Ore gonian will be discredited, disgraced. You will rise at ruined. justly, to the very summit of public esteem, and they whom you call your "enemies" will trouble you no more forever. Come now! J. H. Mitchell! If you are an honorable man, did not write those letters and have been libeled by the Oregonian, surely you will be willing to cause the arrest to be made, and go this day on the stand as a witness to swear that you did not write them! But you will not do it! Why? Because you are a liar and a villain and you dare not do it! Could this call be made louder? Could

words be selected to express more? Are (Continued on Second page.)

PERKINS WILL

California's Senatorial Fight Virtually Settled.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 6.-The election of Arthur Fisk as Speaker of the Assembly is generally accepted as signifying that United States Senator George C. Perkins will be re-elected. Perkins and his friends were supporting Fisk and the speakership fight was regarded as a test of strength on the senatorial issue.

The anti-Perkins forces have been led by Martin Kelly and Col. Dan Burns. Their candidate for Senator is Irving M. Scott of the Union Iron Works, and it has been freely asserted that large sums of money are being expended in Scott's

TWO COUNCIL MEETINGS.

The special meeting of the City Council called for today, went into session at 2 p. m. Indications point to a more than ordinarily interesting conference The 30-year blanket ordinance, asking for a franchise for the City & Suburban Railway Company was the principal subject for discussion. Its provisions were gone into in detail at the joint meeting of the Council committee and board of public works, whose action appears elsewhere in this issue. As to whether the Council will favor the measure or not, it is impossibe at this time

The regular meeting of the Council will take place at 2 p. m. tomorrow, As to the matters it will then consider, outside mere routine, has already been sufficiently adverted to by The Journal

lative committee was to have had a meet- I. Willis and J. C. Coope **BUBONIC PLAGUE** THEIR THEME

State Health Board Will Washington Federation Meet to Discuss It.

Empress Approves Scheme of Paying War Indemnities.

TACOMA, Jan. 6 .- Advices from Pekin state that the Empress Downger has given her approval to the plan of establishing a national Chinese lottery for the purpose of rasing funds with which to pay the war indemnities. The advis-ers of the Empress have urged this plan "KANSAS" IN JAIL.

Edward Partille, alias "Kansas," the negro who is charged with an attempt to kill Andrew Jackson on New Year's night, was arrested yesterday and locked in the city prison. Both Jackson and Williams have been held to the grand jury.

ers of the Empress have urged this plan as the only practicable method of meeting the heavy obligations incurred by China as the result of the Boxer uprising. Whether the powers will look with approval upon the expedient is a topic of the missionaries will undoubtedly be against it, as they deprecate any encouragement of gambling among the Chinase.

COUNT BONPS CHILDREN.



Before thee set foot on American soil a few days ago, the two young sons of Count Boni de Castellane, despite the ract that the count an American, had never seen an American flag. The youngsters are now an American, had never seen an American flag. The youngsters are now in a visit to her relatives the sons of Count Boni de Castellane, despite the fact that their mother was in this country with their mother paying a visit to her relatives

TWO GOVERNORS ADVISE EXHIBITS

Toole of Montana and Morrison of Idaho Urge Legislatures to Make Appropriations for the 1905 Fair.

(Journal Special Service ? ... with renterday, but owing to lack of a HELENA, Mont., Jan. 6.-In his bienhial message to the Legislature, read in joint assembly today, Gov. Toole recommends an appropriation of \$35,000 for an exhibit at the St. Louis Fair in 1904. He then makes the further recommendation that a suitable appropriation be made to transfer boilly this exhibit Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland. The large mining companies which will exhibit individually will also transfer their exhibits to Portland. Both recom-

receive favorable consideration at hands of the Legislature. Idaho's Governor in Line.

mendations of the governor will no doubt

BOISE, Jan. 6,-Gov. Morrison's mes sage to the Idaho Legislature was delivered this afternoon. The governor urged that a liberal appropriation be made for an Idaho exhibit in the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

Purther Work Mecessary.

Will any one be sent to visit the Legis-latures of the adjacent states in behalf of the Lewis and Clark Exposition? If so, who will it be? These are vexing questions to some people, but they will probably be decided tomorrow afternoon at a meeting of fthe legislative commit-tee of the 1965 Fair, which, in turn, will refer the matter to the meeting of the board of directors on Friday. The legis-

in. The above questions are before some

people at the present time, especially be-cause of the return of John S. Knapp, who acted as special commissioner of the Lewis and Clark Fair to the governors of the adjacent states, Mr. Knapp will probably arrive some time this afternoon from St. Paul. It is understood that Mr. Knapp desires the appointment to visit the Legislatures of the states also. In this desire he has a rival, as C. H. Moers' Association, has announced his candidacy for the postflon also. Many of the directors favor Mr. McIsaacs, while others think that Mr. Knapp sho retained. A decision in this matter will no doubt be reached at the meeting to-morrow, when, in all probability, Mr. Knapp will make a report of his travels in behalf of the exposition to date. that time the name of Mr. McIsaac will also be mentioned.

Mr. McIsaacs was discussed at the meeting yesterday, in an informal way, and favorable opinions of him were ut-tered. The members of the legislative committee who have this matter in hand are as follows: A. L. Mills, J. C. Ainsworth; A. Bush, J. M. Church, A. H. Devers, W. D. Fenton, Lee Friede, Rufus Mallory, O. L. Miller, J. M. Raley, G. W. Riddle, H. W. Scott, Paul Wessinger, P.

LABOR DELEGATES IN CONVENTION

Talks of Arbitration.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—SurgeonGeneral Wyman, of the Marine Hospital
Service, has called a meeting of representatives of the various state boards of
health, to take place in Washington on
January 29, the object being to discuss
the alleged existence of bubonic plague
in San Francisco, and to formulate measures to prevent the spread of the discase.

CHINA'S PLAN OF

RAISING FUNDS

Empress Approves Scheme of Pay
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BEATTLE, Jan. 6.—The second day's
session of the annual convention of the
Washington State Federation of Labor
was marked by a heated discussion over
the recommendation by the legislative
and executive committee, of which 8. W.
Harmon is chairman, that a bill be presented to the Legislature for adoption,
creating the office of state arbitrator, to
settle disputes between labor and capial.
The plan proposed that when the state
arbitrator fails to effect a settlement,
he is to order a reference to a board
of which he is to be secretary. Two
members of the board are to be chosen by each side to the controversy, and
these four shall select the lifth member If the board cannot bring about a
settlement, each side shall then print in
the newspapers a sworn statement of
its case. There is to be nothing comsettlement, each side shall then print in the newspapers a sworn statement of its case. There is to be nothing com-pulsory about this plan of arbitration, according to those who fathered it. The scheme was vigorously attacked by B P. Gill, secretary of the Saliora Union, and by other delegates. Presi-dent Blackman and others spoke in favor of the plan. The debate was resumed

of the plan. The debate was res

WILL ORGANIZE TODAY.

A meeting of the directors of the proposed permanent exhibit is being held
this afternoon at Ladd & Titton's hank.
This committee will organize, elset ins
omeers and decide on a plan of action
for the future. This committee is composed of the following imminate:
William Killingsworth, Charles E.
Ladd, Col. E. C. Judson, W. H. Reharrall
and L. G. Clarke,

FATAL FIRE IN CHICAGO HOTEL

Three Guests Suffocated and Another Killed by Jumping.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.-Four lives were lost in a fire which partly destroyed a downtown hotel early this morning. At 5 o'clock in the morning fire broke out in the Somerset Hotel, an eight-story brick building, in the business district. The flames spread very rapidly. The guests were hastily aroused and 60 of them fied by the stairways and fire escapes, or were taken from the windows by the firemen. Mrs. Perry and her two daughters were suffocated by the dense smoke be-fere help could reach them. One other young woman, whose name has not yet been ascertained, jumped from a fifth story window and was crushed upon the

The hotel porter has been arrested pending an investigation into the origin of the fire. Some circumstances have dicial loss was comparatively small!

MURDER IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Jan. 6.-Mance Lewis. well-known sporting man, was shot and killed while in his bed at 4 o'clock this morping. His wife, Annie Lewis, who way in the lodging house at the time, lice and the coroner believe that Lewis was murdered. Mrs. Lewis and her brother, George Piggott, have been held on suspicion that they are responsible for the crime, which is supposed to have

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Yesterday afternoon the board of education held another star-chamber session. It is said that there is nothing of

NEW BAGGAGE BE REELECTED AGENT HERE

W. F. Groh is in Charge at Union Depot Building.

The destiny of such baggage as finds its way into the Union Depot Building in this city is now being presided over by W. F. Groh, formerly district baggage agent for the Northern Pacific Rallway Company, with headquarters at Tacoma Mr. Groh resigned on the first of the year to accept a position with the Northern Pacific Terminal Company, as bag-gage agent in Portland, and has been in-stalled in his new position. He was succeeded as district agent by J. L. Hoar, a well-known railroad man. The place now filled by Mr. Groh was formerly occupled by B. A. Farrar. General Baggage Agent Lowe, of the Northern Pacific, who came to Portland to superimend change, returned last evening to St. Paul. Mr. Groh, the new baggage agent at the Union Depot, is well known all over the Northwest, having been for several years in the employ of the Northern Pa-

REV. W. S. GRIM IS SAFE AT HOME

His Mysterious Disappearance Exp'ained, Floods Detained Him.

OREGON CITY. Jan. 6 .- Rev. W. S. Grim, whose mysterious disappearance last week caused keen unriety to his fam-Yesterday afternoon the board of education held another star-chamber session. It is said that there is nothing of interest to the public in these meetings, which leads many to believe that the ways of the board are past finding out. Report is made that this was an informal meeting merely, preliminary to the regular gathering, which will convene January 12.