

STRATEGICAL 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 oppression 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...

Vice is a monster of so frightful men. 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 minds 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.

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.

RELENTLESS WARFARE. This relentless warfare on the part of H. W. Scott against J. H. Mitchell was kept up continuously until about two years ago, when, to the utter amazement of the friends of both, rumors were spread that the two men had effected a reconciliation.

AMAZING ACTION. The friends of Mitchell were as much astonished that he would again extend the hand of fellowship to his traducer and calumniator as were the friends of Scott over the amazing action on his part.

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

WHAT THE TRUST SHEET PUBLISHED

Vicious Attacks on Mitchell by the Editor of the Oregonian.

The first foul attack investigated by Scott was as follows:

Nov. 24, 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."...

His professional career has accorded closely with his personal conduct. Herein, again, he has been entirely true to his character.

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.

MURDER IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Jan. 6.—Mance Lewis, a well-known sporting man, was shot and killed while in his bed at 4 o'clock this morning. His wife, Annie Lewis, who was in the lodging house at the time, says it was a case of suicide, but the police and the coroner believe that Lewis was murdered.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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.

the Republican party during this long period have been... He has taken political action from the high plane of principle and degraded it to an unseemly contest for personal and private objects.

Some of his kind, undoubtedly, are proud of him as "the great man," because he has done and can do these things. This is of a piece with the pride of those who admire a great corruptor like Tweed, or a great swindler like Wood.

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NEW BAGGAGE 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 Railway Company, with headquarters at Tacoma.

REV. W. S. GRIM IS SAFE AT HOME

His Mysterious Disappearance Expained, Floods Detained Him.

OREGON CITY, Jan. 6.—Rev. W. S. Grim, whose mysterious disappearance last week caused keen anxiety to his family and friends, returned to his home this afternoon.

A LOUD CALL TO J. H. MITCHELL

Mitchell has the "hardhood to deny. But the hardihood that prompts the denial has always been the substratum of his criminal character. His denial, attended by nothing else, is too shallow to be even ridiculous.

You say these letters are "forgeries." This is your word of denial only. Will you take the preceding this morning that will enable you to go on the stand and declare under oath that they are forgeries?

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PERKINS WILL BE REELECTED

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.

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.

"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.

COUNT BONI'S CHILDREN



Before they set foot on American soil a few days ago, the two young sons of Count Boni de Castellani, despite the fact that their mother was an American, had never seen an American flag.

TWO GOVERNORS ADVISE EXHIBITS

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

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 6.—In his biennial message to the Legislature, read in joint assembly today, Gov. Toole recommends an appropriation of \$30,000 for an exhibit at the St. Louis Fair in 1904.

Idaho's Governor in Line. Boise, Jan. 6.—Gov. Morrison's message to the Idaho Legislature was delivered this afternoon.

Further Work Necessary. Will any one be sent to visit the Legislatures of the adjacent states in behalf of the Lewis and Clark Exposition?

BUBONIC PLAGUE

State Health Board Will Meet to Discuss It.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Surgeon-General 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 disease.

CHINA'S PLAN OF RAISING FUNDS

TACOMA, Jan. 6.—Advice from Pekin state that the Emperor Dowager has given her approval to the plan of establishing a national Chinese lottery for the purpose of raising funds with which to pay the war indemnities.

WILL ORGANIZE TODAY

A meeting of the directors of the proposed permanent exhibit is being held this afternoon at Lead & Titton's bank. This committee will organize, select its officers and decide on a plan of action for the future.

LABOR DELEGATES

Washington Federation Talks of Arbitration.

SEATTLE, 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 creation of an office of state arbitrator.