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NOT POOR SMITH, BUT POOR JOHN MITCHELL

"POOR SMITH," exclaims the Oregonian in closing an article about Dr. C. J. Smith, Democratic nominee for governor. It would be more appropriate for the Oregonian to say "poor old Mitchell," the poor old John H. Mitchell that he hounded through life and hissed at in his grave. If it did penance for a decade, it couldn't atone for the injustice heaped upon that unfortunate man and his memory.

His money was gone, and in his great trouble, all but a traditional faith in a few had forsaken him. When the blood flow that diabetes often causes was started by the pulling of a tooth, he was without money to pay hospital attention, and a faithful friend guaranteed the amount. He was without money to pay the physicians, and the same friend stood good for the charge.

For weeks before, the bowed form and long patriarchal beard was a familiar figure on the streets. The clothing was poor and the face drawn. Loneliness and sorrow were in every feature and the pinch of near poverty in every line of the unkempt figure.

It was on this weakened derelict that the Oregonian, rich in timber land, rich in mills, rich in bank stock and bonds and real estate, rained blow on blow, insult on insult and abuse on abuse.

The fall from the heights of the federal senate to a position among the lowliest of the lowly was the tragedy of John Mitchell. As part of the political system of the time, he was more sinned against than almost any man of his generation.

In the eyes of those who helped butcher him, it was Mitchell's fatal fault that he was progressive in principle, though the term was unknown then. Twice he introduced in the federal senate a resolution for direct election of senators. It was the great reform that he did not live to see achieved, but for which his voice and his vote were freely given on the senate floor.

But from the day he entered his public career until he was dragged down to the depths, he was a marked man. The Oregonian was the only important newspaper in Oregon most of that period, and its lifework was to harass, handicap and crucify Mitchell.

Why a recall now? What has happened to justify action so drastic? What has transpired in city affairs to warrant the strife, the turmoil and the turbulence of a special city election?

There is no charge of dishonesty. There is no hint of graft. There is no surmise of crookedness. Nothing at the city hall is in the dark. Everybody knows what is going on. The city business is all in the open.

Why make it a toy? Why make it something to play with? Why make it a farce? Why make it silly?

ST. LOUIS IN STEP... T. LOUIS HAS fallen in step with other cities which have discarded the ward system of government. The Missouri metropolis will vote on a new charter in November, and there is excellent prospect that voters will approve the document.

TURKEY'S PROTEST... THE pending naval bill contains a provision permitting Secretary Daniels to sell the battleships Idaho and Mississippi to Greece and to use the proceeds for building a big one. Turkey has protested against the proposed sale, and European diplomats contend that the United States must "intervene in the politics of the old world."

TAKING A CHANCE... A CORONER'S jury found that a youth was killed at the automobile races last Sunday because he was a trespasser and also because one of the drivers entered a repair pit at a dangerous speed. Both were taking chances.

THE REVOLT IN ALBANIA... NEWS from Durazzo indicates that Prince William of Wied may not succeed in establishing his kingdom in Albania. He is being hard pressed by the rebels and reports indicate that his defeat seems certain.

THE REVOLT IN ALBANIA... Whatever else may be said for or against the plan for selling these battleships to Greece, the fact remains that the proposal is in the nature of retributive justice. With the trouble in Mexico threatening the peace of America, Europe claimed the commercial right to provide the warring factions with guns, ammunition and money.

THE REVOLT IN ALBANIA... Europe furnished the Mexicans with the sinews of war and then protested to the United States that it had not restored order. The right of trade with the Mexicans was held to be inviolate, but now

THE REVOLT IN ALBANIA... The peril of carelessness is shown by the long death roll of trespassers on railroad property, of people who meet death on the streets, of the homes that are burned and the lives that are lost through familiarity with danger.

A FEW SMILES

"Now let us put our heads together and see if we can't arrange matters." But the heads together, would hardly do, Maude. Your green wig and hair, hair won't harmonize.

Little Marjorie was talking about her number at the family dinner table and papa wanted to test her mildly. "Can you add six and six?" "Yes, papa."

After fourteen months... It is one year, one month and twenty-nine days since Broadway bridge was opened to the public. Ten blocks of street leading to the east approach remain unpaved.

Who has you there in tow? "This is Rip Van Winkle. He just woke up."

Two sisters while visiting in Ireland in Victoria's time got into conversation one day with a tenant of their neighbor's. The girls, who is quite stout, asked the old woman if she would give them a name for their sisters.

He paved the way for the work of Sarah, Evered's "savior" friend, who entered parliament in the very time when Read's "Fool Play" was attracting the attention of the public.

Letters from the People... (Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length and must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender. If the writer does not desire to have the name published, he should so state.)

TO EMPLOY THE UNEMPLOYED... Salem, Or., June 19.—To the Editor of The Journal—Permit me at this time, since there is so much general discussion over the unemployment problem, to call your readers attention to the work promoted by the Socialist party membership of this state in an effort to solve this problem.

MIGRATORY LABOR... CONGRESS has enacted a law for the protection of migratory birds. Secretary of Labor Wilson wants an enactment for the benefit of migratory labor.

THE EARTH FROM FOUR MILES UP... Augustus Post in American Magazine. For every mile's ascent 96 miles of view open out, so that at the highest point I have reached, more than four miles of the earth's surface are visible.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS... By John M. Oakison. Within the last two or three years the life insurance companies have been preaching to their policy holders against the practice of borrowing money from the companies with policies as security.

BORROWING ON INSURANCE POLICIES... The companies are quite right in urging policy holders to refrain from borrowing on their policies. Making a life insurance company act as your banker is a mighty expensive way to finance your needs.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE... As in the Tampico blockade affair, Gen. Huerta's second thoughts are nearly always best.

WEDDING... What is needed is an ambidextrous belt—one that not only will keep the trousers up but will shut down.

STEAMER... Many of our long headed business men are just as much in a hurry to invest their savings in a straw hat as in a steamship.

PLUTOCRACY... Further evidence of the plutocratic nature of our population will be found in the fact that the New York board of health which is the only one that eats too much meat.

ROVING FARMERS AND FARM UPLIFT... From the Christian Science Monitor. It is never popular in the United States, or for no other reason than the removal of the owner from the land and the substitution for him of a person who has but a temporary or casual interest in the property.

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