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**GAUZY DISTINCTIONS.**

Governor Lord is out with a special plea in behalf of the seating of Corbett that brands him either as an ass or a knave, with the ear-marks of both. He uses nearly a column in the Oregonian to draw the legal and technical distinctions between the Montana case of Lee Mandle and the Oregon case of Corbett. It abounds in hair splitting divisions that no one but a man whose life had been spent in manufacturing them, would undertake. Stripped of its verbiage, its redundancy and its muddying of the waters to hide its true character, the governor's position is that there is a vast difference between a legislature organized that refuses to do its duty, and a legislature that refuses to organize for the purpose of avoiding its duty.

The changes in this statement are all worked by the governor in the vain hope that he will deceive somebody by some of his kaleidoscopic imaginings. The great mass of the people are not lawyers, they look at a proposition from a purely common sense standpoint. They can see no difference between a man elected to the legislature who goes to the state capital and refuses to take the oath of office, and the man who, having taken the oath of office, refuses to attend the session. Each is working for, and each accomplishes the same object.

The governor lays stress upon the fact that no competent legislative body has had an opportunity to elect a senator, consequently there was a vacancy which the governor could fill. The governor knows how the hold-up was accomplished, none better. He knows that money was paid U Ren and others to prevent them doing their duty and perfecting an organization of the house. He knows that this money was paid by those opposed to Senator Mitchell's re-election. He knows that the man was appointed who was expected to be appointed, and this it is said after a couple of hours connubiating in the Portland hotel with the governor of the state of Oregon. He knows that it is openly stated that Corbett's money was back of the hold up and caused it, for the purpose of getting the position himself. He knows that the Bourne seraglio and the sack, wherever it came from, were brought to bear to seduce legislators from their duty. He knows that in appointing Corbett he is aiding and abetting in violating the pledges of the members of the legislature, in countenancing and encouraging the corrupting of state officials, of trampling upon the constitution of the state, which he has sworn to uphold, and of teaching the people a lesson in anarchy that once learned will do a million times more harm than being left forever without representation in the United States senate.

Corbett is said to have furnished the money to make the hold-up possible. Is it right that he should take advantage of his own wrong? or that the distinguished hair-splitting jurist, who now unfortunately sits in the gubernatorial chair of the state of Oregon, should prostitute his high office to assist him in doing so?

The United States senate will seat or reject Corbett according to its own pleasure, and regardless of what anyone may say; but we say now that as sure as he is seated, that sure will the set come home to the Republican party to cause it tears of shame and the anguish born of overwhelming defeat.

The war between Greek and Turk has begun, and will be watched with

intense interest by the people of the United States. The powers of Europe are even more cowardly and pusillanimous in dealing with the Cretan question than we are with Cuba; but the sympathies of the people of this country are with the oppressed everywhere. The Greek, who after more than 400 years of conditions that are practically slavery, and who still has the fires of liberty burning in his breast, is surely descended from a noble stock.

The Hillsboro Independent gives Hon. T. T. Greer a strong indorsement for the position of "Collector of Customs" at Portland. We suppose the gentleman alluded to is Hon. T. T. Geer, and that he is indorsed for the place he desires, collector of customs. As a collector of costumes the tall Timothy T. would not be a success, since he is never guilty of masquerading; but for anything in the line of business T. T. is all right.

**THE LONGFELLOW STATUE.**

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