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SIGNS AND PORTENTS.

Generations pass away, but the weather prophet is always with us. It is passing strange that presumably intelligent people imagine the winter weather that is to be is photographed in colors on the "goose bone," or that the internal organs of the every day hog are certain prognosticators of weather yet to be. The weather-wise find an abundant crop of acorns, and at once conclude that Nature, having made up her mind to "bust the water pipes and their owners," has especially provided for the squirrel. They see a thick husk on the corn, and at once reach the conclusion that good old Dame Nature, while preparing to freeze unsuspecting humanity, has carefully covered the ears and the corns of the great maize fields. The sun that stood still for Joshua dares not monkey with the seldom ground hog, and the moon alone can look after the farmers' root crops and take care of his fence posts.

In fact, intelligent man is asked by the weather prophets, who base their predictions on the old-time signs, to beware of Pague and take up with the ground squirrels; to avoid the government reports, and watch the ground hogs; to drop Hicks and give faith to hog melt and goose bone.

Romulus killed Remus over a portent, and Belshazzar did not survive a sign, and yet it strikes us that the barometer is a better weather indicator than the hogs' innards, and the thermometer a better gauge of the temperature than the breast bone of goose fresh from the lower Yukon.

SCOTT'S IDEA.

Tammany would have been beaten in New York, and decent municipal government maintained, but for Platt and bossism. Platt is the boss politician of the state of New York, as Mitchell is the boss, or assumes to be the boss, of the state of Oregon. Bossism everywhere takes its stand against decent and economical government. Low, who is a Republican of unquestioned integrity, was rejected by Platt, because Platt could not use him. Platt preferred the success of Tammany. So Mitchellism here preferred the success of Pennoyerism, and now is making combinations with Pennoyerism for the June election.—Oregonian.

Undoubtedly there will be some gain of revenue after a while, under the Dingley law; but there is grave reason to question whether the income under the law ever will come up to the scale of expenditure to which the treasury has been committed. So long as the pension roll shall continue to call for sums so enormous as those paid out during the last six or eight years, it can hardly be doubted that the treasury deficit will be steady and large, no matter what the revenue laws may be.—Oregonian.

The editor of the Oregonian is much disturbed over the course the delegation and ex-Senator Mitchell are liable to pursue on the free-coinage of silver question. The editor knows, as well as the balance of us less intelligent people know, that the silver question is as dead as Peck's mother. The Oregonian asserts and re-asserts this fact, yet, owing to its hatred of Mitchell, it resurrects this dead duck and flaunts its foul-smelling carcass in the face of its readers. Mitchell was a believer in free silver, so was Ellis. So was the editor of the Oregonian, and even our massive intellect took a leaning that way. But the issue is dead. Mitchell knows it, the editor of the Oregonian knows it, and we assert it. What the devil does Scott care about free silver, any way? He knows that in the next congress it will not have standing room; but having ransacked the cellar and garret of Senator Mitchell's political house, he can only find one thing upon which he may base a complaint, and that is that Senator Mitchell at one time held the same financial views the Oregonian advocated. He is ashamed of it, it is true, but the Oregonian seems never to grow weary of twitting him of the fact.

The Oregonian says that "the next Republican platform can contain no stupidity, bosh, gammon or humbug about international agreement. That is played out." Mr. Scott evidently despairs of being again invited to write the monetary plank for the state platform, and hence gives this note of warning. Having so cleaned his mind, the Oregonian editor becomes anxious as to what Mitchell and Ellis and the Republican party are going to do next year. If Mr. Scott really desires to be kept posted as to the proposed action of the Republican party in this state, he should join it or at least affiliate with it. When he does this, or when his paper advocates Republican principles and doctrines, he may be given some information as to what the party intends; but until that time he may rest assured that his clamorous demands for information will go unheeded.

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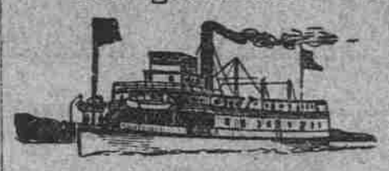

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