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AN EXTRA SESSION.

There is a widespread feeling in the state that the time has come when Governor Lord should call an extra session of the legislature. The adverse report made by the senate committee to which was referred the application of Mr. Corbett to be seated, precludes any possibility of that gentleman becoming a senator from Oregon, either in fact or in name. This state is, then, limited to one representative in the higher house until the next regular meeting of the legislature, unless Governor Lord is willing to divest himself of any factional prejudice and call the legislature together in extra session. The constitution provides that each state shall be entitled to two senators. We have only one, and the appointee of the governor has been refused an admission, so that the only way by which we can gain our full representation is for the legislature to be called in session and placed in the responsible position of choosing a United States senator.

There is little profit in discussing the shortcomings of the last legislature. The quicker they are forgotten the better, and while the people of the state, should the question ever arise, will long remember Joseph Simon as the man who, more than anyone else, is most to blame for the deplorable situation, yet now that it is past, we should leave the things that are behind and turn our faces towards the future.

While of necessity, according to present laws, the election of a senator is one of the chief concerns of the legislature, yet it is not the only one. There is much remedial legislation which should be enacted. Many of the useless appropriations now in force should be cut off and unnecessary commissions abolished. Some way must be devised for reducing the state's expenditure, and the need for such action is urgent.

There is another phase of the situation which deserves consideration and which, while some may call it a matter of party policy, yet has really passed beyond that point and become a question of public concern. The present schism in the Republican party in Multnomah county bids fair to hand the state over to the Populists at the next election. This is not a pleasant statement, but a true one. The war between factions in Portland means, unless it is settled, the temporary destruction of the state Republican organization, and the refusal of Joseph Simon, Agitator Mallory, et al. to listen to any compromise means that a settlement is now impossible.

With the Populists in control of the legislature, Penoyer will be elected senator; or, if not he, then Judge O'Day or Edward Killefeather (late of the United States court). A Populist senator from Oregon would be a calamity upon the name of the state, which we should struggle to prevent. As Republicans or citizens who have the common welfare in mind, we should make every effort to elect some sound money, protective tariff man to the senate, and the opportunity is present to do it.

Let Governor Lord call the legislature together and we are confident no Simon hold-up will again occur, but Oregon will be represented by two United States senators, working for the good of the state, instead of

one, as now. Governor Lord, the responsibility is upon you.

How many people know that the United States produced last year one-fourth of the world's gold, or about \$60,000,000 worth? And Colorado is credited with about one-third of this as her share. These figures, furnished by Robert E. Preston, director of the mint, tally very closely with those furnished by The Engineering and Mining Journal, which gives \$241,391,639 as the world's total production of gold for 1897, an increase of more than \$29,000,000 over 1896. The gold found in the Klondike region swells the Canadian output from \$2,810,000 in 1896 to perhaps \$7,000,000 during last year.

Portland has the advertisement scheme down to a fine point. After the Klondike relief expedition has been exhausted of all advertising possibilities, the latest proposal is to send a train, loaded with supplies for Cuba, across the continent, and to placard the cars with signs and pictures detailing and heralding Portland's generosity. Evidently her citizens do not believe in concealing from the right hand what is known to the left, but are inclined to the opinion that a good thing should be worked for all there is in it.

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