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THE "BOSS" AGAIN.

The Oregonian having charged Mr. Mitchell with most of the offenses in the category, has discovered a new one, and accuses him of being the political boss of Oregon, equal in turpitude to Quay, Platt, Croker, or any other man who may happen to be in popular disfavor just at present. It is useless to waste words in showing what petty motives of jealousy actuate the Oregonian in this instance; and it is equally useless to call attention to the unfairness of the charge.

In the same article wherein Mr. Mitchell is charged with being the unsavory "boss," Joe Simon, the little man who says nothing, but does a whole lot, is pictured as a clean minded individual, who never knew anything about politics and has had nothing to do with the machinery of the Republican party in Oregon. Simon, according to the Oregonian, is a simple-minded little boy, who never put up a job or packed a primary, and to whom the devious ways of politics are as a sealed book.

All this is rot, and the Oregonian knows, or if it doesn't it ought to know, that such stuff will never be swallowed by fair-minded Republicans. It will take more sophistry than even the Oregonian possesses to convince the people that it was not Joe Simon and his fawning followers who made the coalition with Jonathan Bourne and the Populist last winter, which made the hold-up at Salem possible. THE CHRONICLE does not care to attack Mr. Simon, because his political reputation is known to the people of Oregon, so that the words of the Oregonian will fall of their own weight; nor does THE CHRONICLE care to be continually defending Mr. Mitchell, because he is able to stand upon his own merits. But the ravings of the Oregonian are too amusing to be passed unnoticed.

Bosses are never popular, and Mr. Mitchell's popularity in this state is sufficient to prove that he does not belong to the kind of men called bosses. Fancy Joseph Simon and John H. Mitchell running against each other for an office in the popular vote, and the result would clearly show that the people do not regard Mr. Mitchell in the colors the Oregonian paints him.

But enough of this. The Oregonian's latest attack on Mr. Mitchell simply shows to what extremities that paper is driven for ammunition in its jealous warfare against this gentleman.

Mr. F. A. Seufert has achieved fame through his refusal to join with the fusionists. The action of the Democrats in cleaving unto the Populists will turn many men away from their party, as it seems to have done with Mr. Seufert. The fight is squarely on between free silver and sound money, and it is not difficult for each voter to determine where he belongs.

The gradual increase of the receipts from the Dingley tariff seems to justify its friends in their predictions that it will soon produce sufficient revenue for the uses of the government. The customs returns for January were \$14,300,000 in round figures. This indicates an increase over the December returns of \$2,600,000, and is exactly \$3,000,000 more than the receipts of January, 1897. Beginning with August, the first full month of the Dingley tariff, there has been an increase every month. This increase amounted to

\$900,000 in September, to \$1,800,000 in October, to \$100,000 in November and \$1,900,000 in December. The receipts for the early days of February indicated a decidedly upward tendency, so that a considerable surplus is expected at the end of the present month.

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