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LIGHT EXCUSES.

The people of Oregon have been curious to know what Gov. Lord would present, in his message, as excuses for calling the special session. Their curiosity has been satisfied, but their gullibility was not properly sized up by the governor.

His chief reason for calling the twenty-day session is to stop expenses and to elect a United States senator. There are other reasons presented, but they are too flimsy to receive any consideration at all.

If Gov. Lord is honest in either of the important excuses he offers for his action, it there is a particle of good sense in calling a legislature together a little more than ninety days before the regular session, this action should have been taken long ago. The governor's message is enough argument to convince any person of that.

Gov. Lord should have told the truth of the matter, and should have stated positively that the session was called to serve Joe Simon and to elect Hon. H. W. Corbett. This is unquestionably the facts. Joe Simon really called the session and is entirely responsible for it. He led the revolt two years ago and created the necessity which Gov. Lord states to be his reason for holding a special session. Gov. Lord talks not! not! not! He knows that he is a servile tool.

The people can congratulate themselves, however, that the chances for the success of the Simon-Corbett scheme have been reduced to a minimum. It is more than likely that a good, non-partisan Republican will be chosen, one who has steered clear of our party rows. There are plenty of good men who would grace the senatorial toga. Then, there is no use of electing a man who is by his age rendered totally unfit for the senate. THE CHRONICLE believes that the legislature has accepted this view of the situation. In fact, the conditions at Salem point to a fair and generous solution of the difficulty, which will result in the election of a man like Hon. M. C. George, THE CHRONICLE'S candidate.

Mr. Mitchell's Albany letter sheds new light on the situation as it appeared at Salem nearly two years ago. At least, a majority of the people will gain information by reading the letter which appears in full in yesterday's Oregonian. It disposes of one subject that the Oregonian has been harping upon—that he is not a candidate for the United States senate. The Oregonian has repeatedly asserted that Mr. Mitchell was a candidate and its advice has been pointed. It seemed to fear that Mr. Mitchell would quietly rest his case till a certain period in the contest, and then, hobgoblin like, pounce down on and capture poor, innocent Joe Simon and Graham Glass.

The Oregonian says in an editorial yesterday, referring to the much-talked-of candidacy of Mr. Mitchell for the United States senate, that "Mr. Mitchell, ex-senator, tells the public that he is not a candidate. He makes a virtue of necessity. This is a good philosophical spirit." Why it has been lying all the time about Mr. Mitchell it does not explain.

The Oregonian has come down off its high horse and says that the caucus is not "over-spirited." There is no caucus to have any spirit, or anything else. It does not and will not exist. People of Oregon are tired of senatorial caucuses.

As a matter of fact, a good, sound Republican will be elected at Salem

to fill the vacant senatorial chair. But it is safe to say that that man will not be Mr. Corbett.

PRESS COMMENT.

How many votes would H. W. Corbett receive for United States senator if his election depended on the popular vote of the people.—Roseburg Plaindealer.

Ex-Senator Corbett's election is not certain by any means. Both branches of the legislature were organized under a compromise. Mr. Corbett's partisans should hold themselves in a little yet a while. If they do not, they may be overwhelmingly embarrassed before the twenty days' term of the special session of the legislature expires. There is many a slip between the cup and the lip.—East Oregonian.

The supporters of the candidacy of H. W. Corbett are employing the bull-dozing game of claiming the certainty of his election, in order to make the supposedly timid members think they must "get into the band wagon" or get run over by it. There is no sort of chance for Mr. Corbett's election, if those members, who believe it would be an injustice and an outrage to their constituents and to their own reputations, will only vote their honest sentiments. Let no one be scared or bull-dozed.—Salem Statesman.

It is expected that the Oregon legislature, which convened yesterday in special session, will elect H. W. Corbett, a Portland banker, to the state's vacant seat in the United States senate. The Spokesman-Review has no approval for that spirit which would shut the door of public preferment against any honest class of American citizenship. The circumstance that Mr. Corbett is a banker, and a man of great wealth, is of itself no objection to his admission to the senate of the United States, provided he were the possessor of qualities of statesmanship which ought to be required of every member of that distinguished body. Notoriously Mr. Corbett is lacking in these qualities. In his case it is conspicuously his money which makes the political mare go. If he were shorn of his wealth, he would not be a senatorial possibility. Mr. Corbett's election would immediately level Oregon to the plane of those states which put their able men in political retirement in order to advance the ambition of a mere money-grabber.—Spokane Review.

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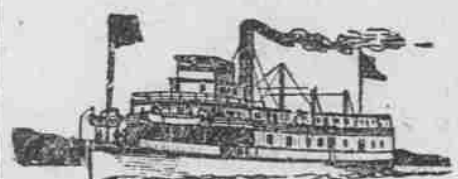
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