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EXTREMELY DISGUSTING.

The Oregonian of yesterday publishes a long letter from Mr. Corbett, supposed to be an answer to Hon. John H. Mitchell's recent statement of the "hold-up", and incidents relating thereto.

Mr. Corbett's simplicity is something wonderful. In fact, he thinks Mr. Mitchell an awfully bad man to even ask ante-election pledges of Republican candidates for the legislature. We would infer then that Mr. Corbett, who is so awfully "thin-skinned", is so much opposed to such a course that he did not know that his managers used money to defeat every Republican candidate for the legislature this year, who would not bow the knee. This is likely. Mr. Corbett's whole course as a business man and politician, from the "wood-pile deal" in the '70's, when he was a candidate for re-election to the U. S. senate, down to the Stark street ferry and the bridge schemes for filching money out of the city of Portland, characterize him as a person who could impress a siwash of his supreme honesty, but he should never tackle a white man.

Mr. Corbett also thinks that if Oregon could not have just such a man as he thinks proper to represent the state, as Mr. Mitchell's successor, it was better off without a representative. This is a sample of more of the free advertizing that he gives himself. The whole thing is so puerile that it is the wonder of the people that any part of Corbett's managers permitted him to gush out in print in that manner. It is absolutely disgusting. It stamps Mr. Corbett as a vain, old man, who has reached that mental condition which ought to prompt his friends to have a guardian appointed to look after him.

Mr. Corbett is an "easy mark", and that is what prompted Joe Simon and his allies to "boost" him for the senatorship. Joe cares nothing for Corbett. But he must have some other person's money with which to wreck vengeance upon his political enemies. He touched poor old man Corbett's his weak spot, flattered him, petted him; pulled the strings for the "hold-up", made doubly successful by the dishonorable use of money.

If Mr. Corbett claims that he had nothing to do with the "hold-up", and was not responsible for it, he is either a falsifier or a knave, or both, and either is sufficient to brand him as a man totally unfit for the high place he seeks.

Mr. Corbett knows full well that he is charged rightly. He is trying to avoid the truth. He has been made a tool of; his money has been spent like water; it can be proven, but this is useless. Everybody knows it. And now he is to be beaten. His letter is but the echo of defeat. May the successful man prove to be a creditable selection for the state and nation. THE CHRONICLE still commends its candidate to the members of the legislature and to the people of the state. He belongs to no faction. May he be successful.

The Oregonian complains that some federal office-holders are at Salem. It says that Senator McBride is a very bad man to permit this. If the shoe was on the other foot it would gleefully ask, "what you were going to do about it", and then would elench the thing by some rot about ends justifying the means.

Van Wyck, mayor of New York, has been nominated by the Democrats of the Empire state to make the race for governor. It is too bad that Van Wyck does not understand that

such nomination, this year, is an empty honor. Roosevelt will flail him Santiago fashion.

THE CHRONICLE believes that Hon. M. C. George is gaining strength every day. His stand upon all questions of the moment is in line with the desires of the people of our state. He is a most progressive Republican.

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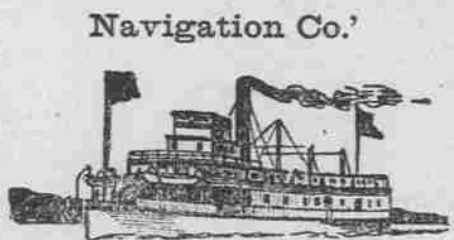
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