

THIS IS DIFFERENT.

It is reported that Senator McBride is headed for Oregon, to remain until a senator is elected. This practice of senators deserting their posts of duty, when important business of the state needs constant attention at Washington, to campaign for re-election, is one that should meet with manifest disfavor at the hands of legislators.—Telegram.

This is very true and we devoutly hope Senator McBride will stay at his post and let his friends take care of his interests. But as an illustration of the fairness and impartiality of the Telegram, and Oregonian as well, it may be mentioned that Senator Simon is still absent from his post of duty, arranging plans, it is alleged, for McBride's defeat, and yet neither of these papers up to this hour has mentioned the circumstance even as a matter of news. But the moment it is hinted that McBride is coming home, that moment the public are read a lesson on the evil of senators deserting their post of duty to campaign for re-election. Tote fair, gentlemen. Simon's desertion of the post of duty has not even the excuse that he is seeking his own re-election.

Corbett ought to nudge Colonel Alley, his henchman of the Baker City Republican, that that gentleman is making a fool of himself. Only the other day this recent convert to Corbettism advised the people of Lane county to hold meetings in every town in the county "demanding that her senators and representatives in the state legislature vote for Senator Corbett for United States senator" and pledging the colonel's word of honor that if they do, Corbett "will see to it that her harbor is improved according to the plans laid out by the engineers." "That county must have a friend at Washington," adds the doctory champion of the venerable Portland Silurian; "no other course will insure her harbor improvements."

Now the ink had hardly dried on the colonel's appeal before a Washington dispatch informed us that the Oregon delegation had secured appropriations for Oregon improvements in the river and harbor bill amounting to \$2,340,500, and that \$20,000 of this sum was for the Siuslaw in Lane county, an improvement for which, according to the colonel, nobody in the world could obtain an appropriation but Senator Corbett! In good sooth the Oregon delegation have done nobly and have earned the gratitude of the people of the whole state. Their remarkable success is well seen in the light of the sum secured by the confessedly able delegation of our sister state of Washington, which is only a little more than one-twentieth of the sum secured by the Oregon delegation. And let it never be forgotten that the Simon-Corbett influence never secured a cent of this sum. For Simon is so much interested in politics that he has no time to look after the interests of Oregon.

Colonel Alley, of the Baker City Republican, who fought Corbett in 1897 when the old man furnished the money to establish Jonathan Bourne's barem, buy up the populists and prevent the legislature from organizing, is making himself supremely ridiculous in his new-born zeal for Corbett's election. No matter what the colonel starts in to write these days he always winds up with a demonstration, satisfactory to himself, that Corbett is the greatest man on earth and the only man in Oregon fit for the position of United States senator. The latest effort of the doctory colonel is to promise an appropriation for the Siuslaw in case the Lane county members of the legislature vote for the old man for senator. In case they don't vote

for Corbett they will get nothing, notwithstanding that the Siuslaw is already provided for in the river and harbor bill.

Valley papers are taking the state division talk too seriously. Nobody up this way really wants state division, at least not now. The time may come when it will be desirable, but that time is a long way off. The only thing that would reconcile us East Oregonians to a present division along the line of the Cascades would be that we would get rid of the debauching presence of the Simon-Corbett outfit and its perpetual candidate.

The Shaniko Leader says: "If we only had one United States senator there would be an awful howl about the interests of the state suffering. But then, Joe Simon can do anything and it is all right. He is United States senator and is attending to his duties at home instead of being put to the inconvenience of going to Washington."

Ex-Senator Corbett "is in the field again," says the East Oregonian. Once an old man gets a desire for anything it seems impossible for him to curb it. There is no reason for Mr. Corbett to be senator, other than that he started in to secure the "honor," and now he is determined to get it by either fair or foul means.

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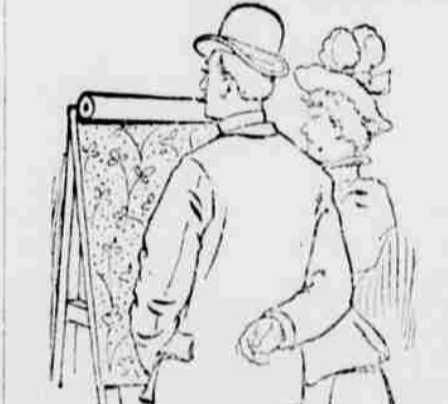
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