

IS POPULAR GOVERNMENT A FAILURE?

We ask the question whether popular government is a failure, simply to answer it unequivocally in the negative. Yet popular government is on trial today in Oregon, and, while we have no doubt it will be vindicated, we feel it to be a duty to sound a note of warning.

The corruption of our politics throughout the nation has been a hissing and a sneer. It is true that much of this attack has been unjust, and much of it the socialistic raving of democrats, mugwumps and small Americans; but there is enough corruption by the rich to justify the charge. We of Oregon may repel it if we will—and we will.

The free and untrammelled choice of United States senator by the legislature is the pressing duty of the hour, and the best man must have an absolutely fair chance to win. No man must be preferred simply because he wants the preference; no man is entitled to the office simply because he is rich. The successful candidate must win because he deserves to win upon his merits alone. Then will our representatives fulfill their duty. Then, whatever the scandals attaching to the legislative sessions of other states, this present one in Oregon may return each man to his constituents and look them in the face. Then will the critics of popular government, the socialists and small Americans and dyspeptics of politics, find it necessary to look elsewhere for just criticism of our form of government.

A reporter of the Portland Telegram recently interviewed Representative L. S. Geer, of Harney county, on the subject of his preference for United States senator. He delivered himself of the following: "I am a Corbett man, and have ample reasons for being a supporter of that gentleman." We concede this to be the most refreshing piece of frankness that has appeared, particularly in view of the rumors afloat as to the opportunities offered by the grand old man's retainers for the formation of favorable opinions and the creation of "ample reasons."

The Eugene Register refers to H. W. Corbett as the Rip Van Winkle of Oregon politics. The main difference between Corbett and the original Rip is that Corbett has been asleep thirty years instead of twenty—and he will be laid away by the present legislature for an indefinite political nap, if the signs of the times are not misleading.

The Roseburg Plaindealer doesn't propose to get off on the wrong foot in the present senatorial contest. It is all things to all men—a good Lord good devil sort of thing. It dishes up a hodge-podge of compliments for all the senatorial possibilities, and leaves a hole open so it can crawl in, no difference who is elected. Great head!

"Merry" Katie Emmett.

Mr. Lorin J. Howard's production of "The New Waifs of New York" with the inimitable little comedienne, "Merry" Katie Emmett in the leading role, will be the attraction at the Vogt opera house Wednesday night, Jan. 16th, and it goes without saying that a most enjoyable night is in store for all who are on hand. The play has a record of over six months in New York and proportionately long engagements in other cities of the country. It is recognized as the best sensational drama of New York life yet written, and is presented with an entire complement of scenery, showing the principal points of interest in New York and its environs. The mechanical effects are new, original and startling, and are calculated to enthrall any audience. Miss Emmett has a national reputation as a most winsome and talented comedienne, of whom the New York Sun says: "Before Katie Emmett had been many moments on the stage she was fixed in the affections of those who saw her. She is trimly built, with bright eyes, white teeth, a sunny face and a nimble foot to fill out the picture. It is as a boy that Miss Emmett makes her cleverest appeal for praise; her naive way and cute personality in boy's attire heighten the effect, which is irresistible. There is no room to doubt her popular success."

Shot Peace Envoy.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener:

"Pretoria, Jan. 13.—About 1400 Boers crossed the line, attacking both Zuurfontein and Kaalfontein stations, but were driven off. They are being pursued by a cavalry brigade."

Lord Kitchener reports also several skirmishes at different points, with trifling British losses, and adds:

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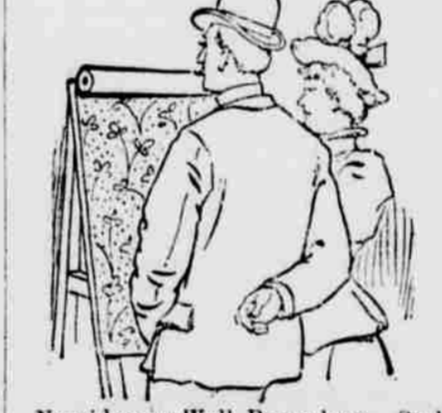
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