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AN UNSAVORY RECORD.

Mr. Corbett because he is an old man, or because it fears he has not virility enough to discharge the duties of senator. Much less does it oppose him because he is a rich man. Wealth and the mature judgment of a vigorous old age, other things being equal, are, in the judgment of THE CHRONICLE, recommendations instead of disqualifications.

But other things are not equal. A senstor, like a bishop, ought to have a good report of them that are without. Mr.Corbett's reputation is most unsavory, and there must be some fire where there is so much smoke. It is well nigh thirty years since he earned for himself the name of down. Since then his long years of that says they shan't. identity with the most corrupt and

doned were it not for the crowning infamies of the legislative hold-up of 1897. The caucus call of that session provided for a viva voce vote and was signed by forty-eight members. Mr. Corbett was a candidate then, as now, and when the vote of the caucus went against him he aided and abetted a gang of political anarchists in holding up the legisla ture in order to render the caucus ineffective. He is on record, over his own signature, as advancing the hold-up, and it is a matter of public notoriety that on the 7th of January 1897, at the opening, of the legislative session, he mailed a letter to Rev. I. D. Driver, then senator from Lane county, which began: "My Dear Friend: I sent you a New Year's present enclosed in a letter," and closed by offering him \$115 more, in lieu of Mr. Driver's campaign expenses, so that "he might

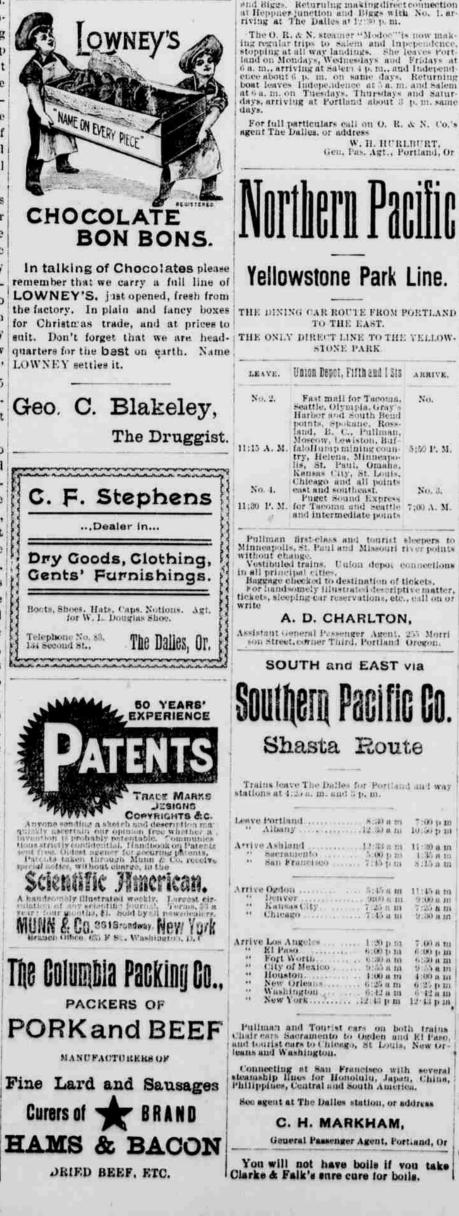
that not all of this large sum is in any sense a deficit. The framers of the law, it is true, underestimated the amount that would be required to cover the two years following its

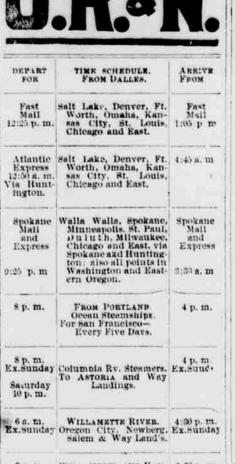
THE CHRONICLE does not oppose passage, but if all the counties had obeyed the law and levied and collected the tax required by it some 76,000 would be available to meet the scalp bounty warrants. In that case the deficit, supposing the outstanding warrants to amount to \$110,000, would only be \$34,000.

> The Oregonian informs us that Corbett's fight is being managed by Jonathan Bourne, W. P. Keady and Graham Glass, "as strong a team," it says, "as ever fought for a cause in 9:25 p.m. Oregon;" and it might have added, as corrupt and unprincipled a team as ever fought for a cause in Oregon or anywhere else.

The Amelope Republican says a Henry "Woodpile" Corbett, through remonstrance against the joining of his attempt to bribe Sam Corwin and that part of Wasco county to Sher-Sam Johnson, behind the wood pile man county was in active circulanear the old Chemeketa hotel, with tion there last week. If that is the Ex.sunday or \$2000 each to vote for him for sena- case, then we folks over this way will tor, after he had, in the most public do some remonstrating on our own manner, agreed to abide by the de- account. If the Antelopers want to cision of a caucus that turned him stay with us we will lick the man

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It would, of course, be difficult to prove that Mr. Corbett [furnished the money to bribe the entire populist delegation to refuse to take the oath of office, but the thing wasidone, and done in Corbett's interest, and it is impossible to believe otherwise than that he put up the money. Moreover, it is open and notorious that in the same interest the Eldridge block in Salem was fitted up and filled with every luxury that could tickle the palate and debauch the senses, in addition to a harem of cyprians from the purliens of Portland, who were brought there, paid for, and kept there to minister to the passions of the grosser beasts of the anarchists.

All this and more that cannot be put in print was done, and done in Mr. Corbett's interest. Jonathan Bourne, an ardent free silverite, dispensed the liquid refreshments and bossed the harem; and the same Jonathan, backed by the notorious Larry Sullivan of sailor boarding house fame, is again in Salem urging, in his own peculiar way, the election of Corbett.

Is it conceivable that a majority of the senators and representatives of this state will so far forget the duty they owe to their own relf-respect and that of their constituents as to vote for such a man as Henry W. Corbett? We cannot believe it for a PORKand BEEF moment.

It is said that the claims incurred against the state under the scalp Fine Lard and Sausages bounty law aggregate nearly \$110,-000, and there can be no doubt that provision will be made by the present legislature to have the amount paid in full. But it is only fair to say

