

The correspondent of the Portland Telegram, under date of January 9th, sent the following interesting item to that paper:

"The delegation is for Corbett for senator, and Mr. Briggs is frank in the expression of his preference as between Mr. Corbett and Mr. McBride. In fact, the attitude of these representatives has been known to be averse to the reelection of Mr. McBride all along, the matter having been decided in the primaries here last spring, which was conducted with much vigor and considerable feeling in the struggle for supremacy between what is known as the administration or McBride-Tongue faction, and the Corbett anti-administration wing of the republicans, the latter having in view the promotion of Hon. F. V. Carter's candidacy for congress at that time, and the choice of representatives who would vote for Mr. Corbett or some other man for senator who would use his influence to effect a change of some postmasters and other officials and disperse the federal patronage among their friends."

Here is the admission, from one who claims to know, and the statement has never been challenged, that Senator McBride and Congressman Tongue are the friends of the administration, and that the fight in Jackson county was made against them with the clear understanding that H. W. Corbett was an enemy of the national republican administration. In fact, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Simon and the Oregonian are all inimical to the president, and there is no doubt whatever that they would have used their best (or worst) efforts to defeat President McKinley's renomination, if they had deemed it possible. One anti-administration senator at Washington is bad enough; but if the state wants to commit political suicide, all that is necessary is to send Corbett to consort with Simon. Certain populist papers understand this thoroughly, and for this reason are advocating Mr. Corbett's election.—Salem Sentinel.

The directors of school district No. 12 (The Dalles district) ask THE CHRONICLE to earnestly urge upon the taxpayers the duty of attending the meeting that is called for next Saturday at 2 p. m., in the Court street school building, for the purpose of levying a tax to help support the public schools during the coming year. It is well known that, ordinarily, these annual meetings have not the attendance of a corporal's guard and that subsequent grumblings over high school taxes are made by parties who do not take the trouble to voice their complaints at a time and place where they might be effective. The directors, however unjustly, have, to a large extent, to bear the brunt of these complaints and it is only natural that they should desire that as many taxpayers as possible shall attend the meetings and thus become equal partners in the responsibility.

The politicians at the national capital are having some fun at the expense of Ex-President Harrison over what they consider a plain instance of Uncle Ben's inconsistency. They have dug up a message that Mr. Harrison sent to the senate when president that not only suggests a provision "for the incorporation of Hawaii into the United States as an integral part thereof," but also suggests that until congress shall "otherwise provide the existing commercial relations of the Hawaiian islands, both with the United States and foreign countries, shall continue." The joke on Harrison is that he now holds the constitution follows the flag and that the United States has no power to make any

ad interim arrangement of the kind he advised the senate to make.

The Washington state senate, Tuesday, passed a memorial to congress praying that body to pass the ship subsidy bill. The vote was on strict party lines, and only one republican voted against the memorial.

Senator Steiwer's apportionment bill gives Wasco county one representative, and one representative and one senator jointly with Sherman county. There may not be as much politics in this arrangement as in the present law, but there is a whole lot more sense and justice.

The Telegram asks, "What is it that made Queen Victoria great?" and answers: "Not one or a few things, but many, all. Dignity, purity, patience, patriotism, Christianity, true, sincere and simple faith and right-doing on all domestic as well as public occasions; model wifehood and motherhood, while bearing with dignity and grace the crown of state; living her dual, triple, multiple life from girlhood to old age, from first to second childhood—and always respected, and always deserving to be, honored and revered by all classes of her subjects—surely this can be called a truly great woman."



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