

The friends of Senator McBride have yielded to the inevitable and conceded the impossibility of his election. This result has been anticipated for a month and more by all unprejudiced persons who understood the situation. Much as it may be regretted that an honest, hard-working and faithful public servant should be denied the honor of reelection his defeat does not come as a surprise. Nor is it surprising that the men who stood so faithfully by Senator McBride should now rally around the banner of Ex-Senator Mitchell. Oregonians look back with pride to the days when the state was represented in part by John H. Mitchell, in the United States senate, as a time when we had a representation that was the peer of that of any state in the Union. And if today, with John H. Mitchell and Henry W. Corbett in the race for the senatorship, the question could be settled by popular vote the venerable Silurian whose wealth debauched the legislature of 1897 and furnished the means for the legislative hold-up would never know that he was in the race.

Supporters of a wise protective tariff meet the same old weapons whenever it is proposed to apply the principle to a new industry. The democratic assault upon the beginnings of the tin plate industry was especially savage. Yet that branch of manufacture in the United States today is of immense extent and value. At the present time democratic invective and ridicule are directed at the ship subsidy bill intended to revive and build up our merchant marine. This industry in Europe is subsidized and encouraged in every possible material way, yet the democratic party contends that it is public robbery and favoritism to aid our own shipping, though it has been cut down by protected competition to an insignificant total. The methods that have developed our enormous foreign trade and our manufactures will be equally effective when applied to our merchant shipping.—Globe-Democrat.

If THE CHRONICLE had the ear of the men whom Wasco county helped to elect to the Oregon legislature it would say: Vote for whom you will among the hundreds of clean, honorable and able republicans who might be named; vote for a clean, respectable yellow dog if you cannot do better, but for Oregon's sake, for your own sake, for the sake of the republican party, for God's sake do not vote for the man whose money held up the legislature of '97, established the harem in the Eldridge block at Salem, and now seeks election, according to his own impudent announcement, as a vindication from the charge of having seduced the affections of another man's wife.

Politics—it is a trite saying—makes strange bedfellows. The men who were instrumental in defeating senator Dolph in 1895 are the men who are now hardest at work for the election of Corbett. Here is a partial list of them: W. E. Burke, anti-Dolph bolter from Multnomah county; Jonathan Bourne, manager of the hold-up of 1897 and boss of the harem; Colonel Hofer, the implacable free silver athlete; Colonel Alley, Bishop Barkley and Doc Keene.

"Mr. Corbett is an independent republican as far as the McKinley administration is concerned, and an independent democrat in his attitude on Porto Rico and the Philippines," says the populist, sixteen to one or bust Salem Journal, which goes it red hot for the Old Man of the Sea.

Speaker Reeder's flop from McBride to Corbett is no surprise to anybody. Reeder's election to the speakership was heralded as a Cor-

bett triumph. When he went to Corbett he went to his own. He even timed himself so that his flop might have a spectacular effect and it had, in a way, but it surprised nobody and stampeded nobody.

Too much credit cannot be given to Hon. A. S. Roberts, representative from this county, for the manhood he has exhibited in refusing to vote for the man whose wealth debauched the legislature of 1897. Those who know how vigilantly the minions of H. W. Corbett follow the Oregon legislator and with what seductive promises he is plied can best appreciate the manhood that no personal consideration can swerve from what seems to be the path of duty.

The East Oregonian, democrat, free silverite, single taxer and all round socialistic athlete, advises the twenty-six democrats and populists in the Oregon legislature, in case it should prove impossible to agree upon an Eastern Oregon man for senator, to join the republicans and vote for Harvey W. Scott! Angels and ministers of grace defend us!

The Walla Walla Union is inclined to view with alarm the increasing demands for the location of our western state capitals in the large cities. It appears to be a dire and dreadful plot to lure the quiet and peaceful country statesman from the cow trails and by-paths of rural contentment to the gay whirl and excitement of city life.

The senatorial deadlock at Salem continues and the sentiment is growing stronger daily that the final choice of the legislature will be John H. Mitchell, a selection that will come nearer meeting with the approval of the people of the state than any other.—Baker City Democrat.

There is talk of the senatorial deadlock at Salem being broken, or at least loosened up by McBride's friends throwing themselves over to ex-Senator Mitchell. His election would please a larger portion of the people of Oregon than any of the present candidates.—Granite Gem.

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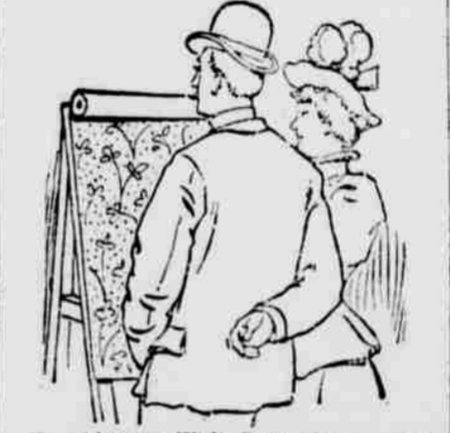
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