

THE GROWING WEST.

Senator Mitchell Interviewed Concerning the Pacific Northwest.

INCREASED REPRESENTATION

The Great Mineral, Agricultural and Commercial Interests of the Pacific Coast Attracting Attention in the East.

Senator J. H. Mitchell of Oregon was recently interviewed by the Washington Post concerning the Northwest.

"What effect on national legislation will the admission of the four new states have, in your opinion?" was asked:

"One very important effect will be to secure more liberal appropriations of various kinds for the section known as the far West. Again, by the admission of these states, and their participation through their representatives in congress in national legislation, the influence of Wall street as against the producers of the West, including the producers of the precious metals, especially silver, and also the producers of lead and other metals, will be materially lessened, and that of the latter increased in the national councils. So, also, the influence of the manufacturers of New England so far as their interests may conflict with the interests of the agriculturalists of the West, especially those of the woolgrowers, will also be sensibly neutralized. The political representation of the great Pacific Northwest will be increased at the coming session by eight senators and five representatives, thus adding proportionately and very properly to the political power of that heretofore very much misunderstood, underestimated, and sadly neglected section of the country. I shall look confidently forward at the approaching session to a more liberal disposition upon the part of Eastern representatives and senators who have visited the far West, and had their knowledge vastly quickened in respect of that region of our country, and to more liberal appropriations than ever before, looking to the improvement of our rivers and harbors, the fortification of our coast, the building of navy yards, naval stations, and dry-docks, the construction of light-houses, life-saving stations, and revenue cutters for service in the western waters, the construction of public buildings, military roads and telegraphs, the irrigation of our arid lands, the payment of Indian depletion claims, the forfeiture of unearned land grants covering great areas of the far West, more effective Chinese exclusion legislation, and other important remedial acts and commercial and agricultural aids and enterprises through the means of national legislation. The great Pacific and Northwest sections of the country, including the great mineral, grazing and agricultural belts and areas of that vast region, with its sixteen senators—I include the four new states and Colorado, with California, Oregon and Nevada—and its fourteen representatives as spokesmen in the councils of the nation, will no longer be regarded and treated as a terra incognita when national legislation is under consideration. The same imperative necessity that finally compelled the creation of four new states by one and the same act, will also compel that just recognition in national legislation which the national resources, the immeasurable possibilities, the greatness and grandeur of that empire demands."

HUMOROUS DRIFT.

Who comes and grasps you by the hand, And welcomes you with greasy hand, And flatters you can't withstand? The candidate.

Who says the country's going to smash Unless you help his side to thrash The other side, with vote and cash? The candidate.

Who, when the victory is won, Will straight forget all you have done, And look out sharp for Numee One? The candidate.

Even if a man goes so far as to admit that there are any flies on his baby, he is always sure to add in the next breath that it's because the little fellow is so sweet.

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KNIGHTS OF THE ROAD.

A Drummer Relates His Experience in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Grand Rapids Times. What I like about these "Knights of the Road" is that they are great fellows for secret societies. Most all the drummers belong to everything that is going from that of the "Grand Knight of the Garter," down to "Sons of Temperance." I am quite a hand for all such mysterious things myself, so I got solid with all the boys. My old friend Crookston called on me the other day to see if I needed any drugs, and to have a visit. We had a jolly time. While we were sitting in the office a chap came in and wanted to borrow \$2 on account of a remittance not coming to him as he expected. I told him the \$2 I kept to lead was in my pocket, but in the day before was in my pocket, but I never lend it except to drummers. He said "That's me." I gave him the grand hating sign of an Odd Fellow, which he tumbled to. Then I came to the great "hair in the suit" grip of Rhythmic. He tumbled. Then Crook gave him the G. B. of the Sons of Malta. He was onto it. Then I tipped him the hair poking signal of a Good Templar. He smiled and said "H. G." This is a chemical term meaning "waters." The Crook stuck out his hand and gave him the noted P. D. Q. sign of the Royal Arch Brick Mason. He "got that" on that. Then Crookston examined him as follows to make sure he was a drummer: "From whence comest thou, pard?" "From the Lodge of the Holy St. Johns Michigan."

MRS. GROVER CLEVELAND.

She is Looking Better Than Ever—Her Quaint Furniture.

Mrs. Cleveland has gained considerable flesh since leaving the White House and is a much healthier looking woman, as a result of her summer outing, than the thin and rather sallow person who took up her abode in New York last spring. She has regained also something of her old brilliant color and is more nearly like what she was as a girl bride Washington never really agreed with her, nor did late hours. People who have seen them express much admiration for the old and quaint pieces of furniture which are going into her new establishment.

Not the least striking of these is a screen for the dining room, which was given her by a foreign ambassador, and has hardly been unpacked in her frequent fittings or seen the day. It is of leather, with four leaves, and is eight feet high. The design is a reproduction of old Venetian patterns in fine low relief, in deep rich colors of silver and gold, hand tooled. No framework is visible about the screen, the illuminated leather covering it all. Each leaf is in three square panels, surrounded by small brass-headed nails. Opened at right angles, on the inside of each leaf is a shelf wide enough for a book or a cup of tea, a box of bonbons and a shaded candle. —New York Mail and Express.

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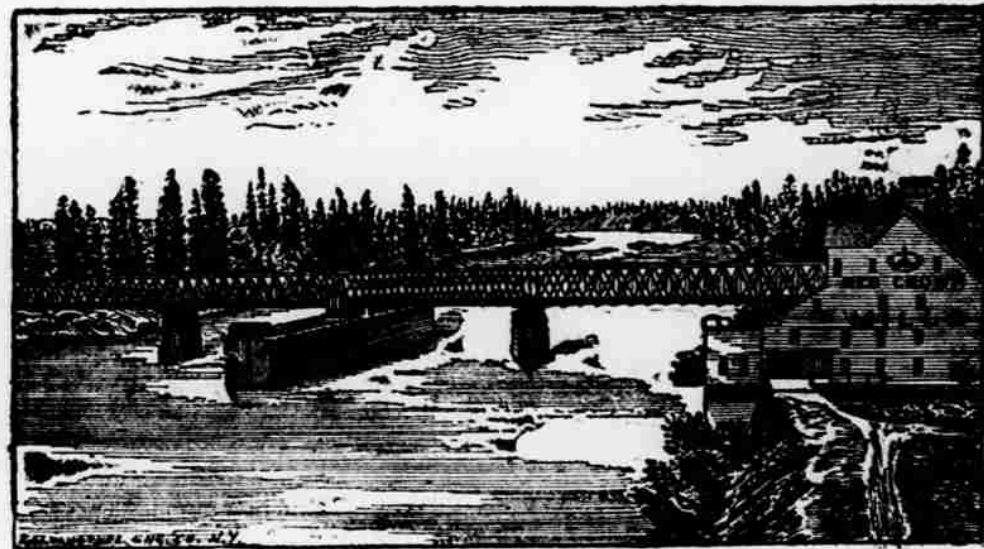
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