

THE PRINCIPAL EVIL.

In an interview recently published in the Oregonian, Judge J. R. McBride of Spokane, speaking of legislative contests over the election of U. S. Senator says: "The principal evil that they do is in preventing the man who would best represent the state from entering the contest at all."

This has been the experience of possibly every state. It certainly is that of Oregon. Few states, indeed, are represented in the United States senate by two of the best qualified men they might have selected. Men of the highest attainments and pre-eminent qualifications are men of profound self-respect. Nothing will induce them to resort to chicanery, duplicity, demagoguery and possibly to corruption and bribery. Men who are self-seeking candidates for senatorial honors are not always above suspicion of employing, or at least of being willing to employ, any or all of these artifices to secure election.

If the wholesome maxim that "the office should seek the man rather than the man seek the office" were applied to the selection of senators it would quickly clarify the political atmosphere, remove the apprehension of legislative deadlocks and put men into the United States senate whom the whole nation would respect and honor.

It is the application of this maxim that keeps Hoar and Hale and a few others in the senate, and it is the defiance of it that confers the august title of senator upon the Quays, the Gormans, the Tillmans and quite three score of mere puppets and "me toos."

It was once believed that election of U. S. senators by the state legislatures would insure the choice of the best qualified men to be found in the state. The plan has worked, all too frequently, as every one knows, of bestowing the senatorial toga upon the ill-fitted men that could well be selected. It has thus happened that states great in their resources, great in the intelligence, virtue and patriotism of their people are represented in the highest council of the nation by men whose very presence there reflects humiliation and disgrace upon the whole people.

It should not excite wonder that there is a strong and growing sentiment among the people that they should make direct choice of whom they would have to represent them in the U. S. senate.

Whatever may be said for or against this manner of choosing senators, it must be admitted that it would not give results more to be generally deplored than those which attend the present method of choosing. Next month the legislatures of a number of states will be expected to select U. S. senators. Oregon is one of these states, and of course the one in whose selection we have deepest interest.

It should not be necessary to remind the members of the legislature that the people of the state really care nothing about the "claims" of any candidate. What they desire, what they have right to demand is that uninfluenced by the importunities of any candidate's friends or following, the members will elect the best qualified man available in the state even though the office must seek for him.

This may not satisfy some of the candidates, nor indeed any of them, but it will prove eminently satisfactory to the mass of the people for it will not only reflect the highest honor on them, but it will most certainly inure to the material good and prosperity of the state.

Let preeminent fitness determine the choice of a colleague for Senator Mitchell and the whole state will approve.

If the christian clergy, teachers and professors of the teachings of Christ everywhere would assume the attitude of Rev. A. Carrick toward organized capital and labor, as incidentally expressed in his sermon last Sunday morning, it would have a mighty beneficial influence. And why not? Surely the differences and contentions between labor and capital present special opportunities for practical application of the ethics of christianity—opportunities which must be

embraced unless the christian church would write Ichabod upon her banners.

Put in Your Bill.

"The evil that men do lives after them." When Outlaw Tracy's body was interred within the walls of the Oregon penitentiary, the world had rid itself of his presence, but not of the evil he had done. A few days ago, Frank Ingram, an ex-convict, who was so desperately wounded at the time of Tracy's escape from the penitentiary, was in Corvallis soliciting signatures to a petition asking the legislature of this state to appropriate a liberal sum for his relief. Now comes W. E. Morris, of Vancouver, Wash., with a plea for similar assistance.

Morris is the man who was accidentally shot by members of a posse during the search last summer for Tracy and Merrill. The members of the posse were Lou Waggoner, Walter Lyon and J. L. Skipton, a former Corvallis man. Morris was in Salem the other day soliciting the assistance of these gentlemen in the effort he will make to have the state of Oregon refund to him some \$800, the amount of money he was obliged to pay out for hospital and medical bills, as a consequence of the accidental shooting. If the bill is not allowed by the state officials, Morris and his friends will present the matter to the state legislature in the hope of securing some financial relief.

It is now in order for all parties who were robbed by the late bandits, or otherwise injured, in pocket or peace of mind, to come forward and have their claims audited, so the taxpayers can settle the matter all at once.

In Favor of the Dairy.

Much has been said in favor of dairying in this county and a great deal is yet untold relative to this subject. In an address recently made by Dr. James Withycombe at a farmers' institute at Jefferson, Or., that gentleman made the following statement:

I am going to call your attention to the possibilities of agriculture in our state. We have been very wasteful of nature's bounties in the past. We have worked under pioneer conditions. It is time we were getting out of the ruts which we have gotten into under pioneer conditions. Formerly we lacked markets. We found here a rich virgin soil. Wheat produced a heavy crop. Wheat and wool being easily stored and not being perishable, as they were readily transported, were the principal crops; but the time for the exclusive growing of wheat is past. We have grown wheat too long. We have exhausted the plant food in our soil by continuous cropping. Just as the bullion in the bank is the banker's capital so the plant food in the soil is the farmer's capital. Every ton of wheat you raise takes from the soil \$7.50 worth of plant food. That is, if you had a worn out farm, such as are found in the East, you would have to spend \$7.50 to enrich your soil with commercial fertilizers sufficiently to raise the ton of wheat. At present prices a ton of butter is worth \$600. To raise a ton of butter you only use 50 cents' worth of plant food. Then you have the benefit of the manure to enrich your impoverished soil.

Call for Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that there is money in the treasury to pay all city warrants drawn on the general fund, and endorsed prior to July 16, 1902. Interest will stop on the same from this date.

Wm. McLagan, City Treasurer.

Dated at Corvallis, Or., Dec. 11, 1902.

Advertisement for Foley's Kidney Cure, featuring an illustration of a horse and rider and text describing the medicine's benefits for kidney and bladder ailments.

Advertisement for Chickens, featuring Plymouth Rock cockerels for sale and contact information for Oscar Tom.

Advertisement for Young's Cash Store, offering ladies' goods at low prices and a full line of woolen hosiery.

Advertisement for a cow for sale, specifically a one fawn colored Jersey milch cow.

Advertisement for a logging camp, offering ten good loggers for hire in the Luckiamute Logging Camp.

Advertisement for pigs for sale, including about 20 head of young pigs.

Advertisement for Osteopathy, claiming to cure rheumatism and offering consultations.

Advertisement for a clubbing list, listing various magazines and their subscription rates.

Advertisement for The Ford's Black-Draught Liver Medicine, describing its benefits for various ailments.

Advertisement for The Business College Man, offering a complete course in business, pen art, and typewriting.

Advertisement for the School of Music at Oregon Agricultural College, listing courses and faculty.

Advertisement for Christmas Suggestions, offering various gift ideas for ladies, men, boys, girls, and children.

Advertisement for Nolan & Callahan, leading clothiers, listing various clothing items for sale.

Advertisement for Home-Seekers, offering real estate loans and insurance services.

Advertisement for The Business College Man, detailing the curriculum and enrollment information.

Advertisement for 'It's Just a Cough', featuring a medicine for cough relief and a notice of publication.

Advertisement for The First National Bank of Corvallis, Oregon, listing officers and directors.

Advertisement for River View Poultry Yards, offering several hundred birds for sale.

Advertisement for a dentist, Dr. J. A. Harper, located in Corvallis, Oregon.

Advertisement for an attorney, E. R. Bryson, practicing law in Corvallis, Oregon.

Advertisement for Southern Pacific Company, detailing train routes and schedules.

Advertisement for Pullman and Tourist Cars, offering comfortable travel options.

Advertisement for 'What is the Use of Suffering?', featuring a medicine for various ailments and a notice of publication.

Advertisement for B. A. Cathey, M.D., a physician and surgeon in Corvallis, Oregon.

Advertisement for W. T. Rowley, M.D., a homoeopathic physician, surgeon, and oculist.

Advertisement for Dr. W. H. Holt and Dr. Maud B. Holt, osteopathic physicians.

Advertisement for Dr. Jas. A. Harper, a dentist in Corvallis, Oregon.

Advertisement for J. G. Wilson, an attorney at law in Corvallis, Oregon.

Advertisement for Graham & Wells, a wholesale and retail drug store.

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