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And now the Republicans of Oregon who helped to elect a Democratic governor can have the consolation of a Democratic Senator.

President Roosevelt has decided to prosecute the Standard Oil company for violation of the anti-trust laws. This will be worse than Thomas W. Lawson.

Thirteen colleges have decided that there should be reform in football. It was voted to prepare rules so that the game would be less dangerous and brutal. It will be arranged so that the players can give in a few ribs, or break a man's neck without being brutal about it.

The Dailes Chronicle furnishes a brilliant write-up of Heppner's city election. The paper states that people from Ione and Lexington were here to vote and that hacks were on all the roads bringing in neighboring ranchers. This is a good specimen of the Chronicle's fake news service, there not being a word of truth in the story, but can the Chronicle tell the truth.

Secretary Hitchcock's report to the president contains much space devoted to present land laws. The timber and stone act, the desert land act, and the commutation clause of the homestead law, are handmaidens of crime, says the secretary. In his recommendations for the improvement of the land laws, Secretary Hitchcock has advised more severe penalties, rather than better laws for the regulation of the conditions that now exist. That changes are needed everybody knows, but the solution of the problem has not yet been reached. The requirements should at least be reasonable and in harmony with the surrounding conditions which vary in different districts.

Few people realize the number of people connected with the Oregon land fraud cases. Indictments or informations for unlawful fencing of public lands, 4; there are nine alleged illegal inclosures of public lands in Grant and Umatilla counties, embracing a total area of 30,000 acres; convictions and indictments now pending for different violations of the land laws now number 104. Oregon is by no means alone, if she has set a swift pace. There is plenty of company. Land fraud prosecutions are being carried on in Nebraska, Kansas, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Idaho, California and Washington.

Chairman Frank C. Baker, of the Republican state committee, has announced that he will visit several counties of the state of Oregon, after the holidays and will confer with Republicans with the view of encouraging the spirit of harmony that prevailed at the peace conference last October. Mr. Baker says that if the past is left to paddle its own canoe, there will be smooth sailing for the Republicans in the next election. While Mr. Baker is working hard to unite the party, he also ought to be encouraged by the rank and file of the party. Continued strife and turmoil will undermine the foundation of any party or organization, and what can be gained by it. Petty jealousy and the cultivation of a revengeful spirit should not be allowed to over-

shadow the principles that have built up a grand government. That the Republican party in Oregon today is in bad shape, cannot be denied, and the results are that the reins of government are slipping out of Republican hands. If the party remains divided, present conditions will prevail. Is this condition desirable.

JOHN H. MITCHELL.

John H. Mitchell is dead. This announcement was the cause of sorrow among many people in Oregon last Friday. It is the end of a sad story in which the better part of human nature will cause the most bitter enemies of the aged senator to heave a sigh of pity, if not remorse.

The better part of his life, for 22 years, John H. Mitchell has labored zealously for the state of Oregon. Attention to duty and marked ability made the man a national character with enough influence to be placed at the head of some of the most important committees of our national congress. Owing to his recent troubles, Senator Mitchell resigned the chairmanship of the committee on inter-oceanic canals only two days prior to his death. The sad end of Oregon's senior senator presents an impressive picture of human nature. When traveling the highest road of success, friends were at every turn, so numerous that his pathway was almost obstructed with uplifted hats and willingness to make sacrifices for his pleasure. His pathway was covered with flowers and smiles left there by many whose selfish motives were covered with false colors that they might get some attention from the high position held by the senator.

In those days John H. Mitchell carried a loaf of bread in his pocket and the falling crumbs furnished the great attraction.

Mitchell felt his disgrace keenly. Proud and dignified, it cut him to the heart and sapped him of his strength.

But when he needed the many so-called friends, where were they. He walked the streets of Portland unnoticed, save the occasional pointing of a finger of scorn.

In Mitchell's palmy days, he had a big following, and one of the secrets of his success was his undying loyalty to his friends. Under all conditions, first, last and all the time, he was true to his friends during his long career. It is no wonder that a man of his temperament should break down when he was confronted with the true realization of the meanness of human nature.

But not a public word of complaint or protest did he utter. He walked his thorny path alone, asking no one to share his misery.

Whether John H. Mitchell was guilty or not guilty, let it be admitted that he was, detracts nothing from the sadness of the story. Who could he have confidence in. Betrayed by his partner, betrayed by his trusted private secretary and by his friends. What consolation was left for an old man who was bowed down by the weight of years and the trials and responsibilities that he has carried. While Mitchell had many friends, he also had many bitter enemies, and the old story that your friends will forget you, but your enemies never will, is here plainly apparent.

But who were the principal enemies of Senator Mitchell. They are nearly all politicians of small calibre who envied the success of the man whose ability crowded them back from coveted prizes. The persecutors of Mitchell could have profited from that passage of scripture—He that is without sin among you let him cast the first stone.

McKinley and Puter have proven to be the most clever and biggest swindler that the West has ever known. Almost every day something new is unearthed in the way of forgeries and high handed schemes. It is now estimated that their unlawful transactions will aggregate \$500,000.

TO INCREASE WATER SUPPLY.

Light & Water Company Making Needed Improvements.

The work of putting in a crosscut or underground dam by the Heppner Light & Water company is now completed.

The crosscut was put in on Willow creek, just above Jas. Cowins & Son's soda works.

The improvement has required a large amount of labor and the expense has been in the neighborhood of \$1500.

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Coming Attraction.

The University of Oregon Glee and Mandolin Clubs of 1905-6 will be the attraction at Roberts' Opera House, Tuesday, Dec. 19. The Clubs are the best ever sent out from Old Oregon, and this fact was proven in their concert given in Portland this year at the Marquam Grand Theatre, where they played to a house in which standing room was at a premium. The Glee Club, with the exception of four new voices, is the same as has been singing with the club for the past four years. The same director this year also and this explains why they have mastered the art of singing together.

During the past three years the Glee Club has appeared before the most critical audiences of many Oregon towns and everywhere their work has received words of praise. The Mandolin Club has grown from a small club of six to twelve members, all of whom are musicians of some years' experience, and their work is of the same order of excellence as is the singing of the Glee Club.

As to Robert Rountree, the tenor of the Clubs, audiences are becoming acquainted with his rare ability. This year he appears to advantage in a number with both clubs, entitled "The Suppression of Dickie," illustrating the troubles of a Freshman in College and introducing many popular college songs.

The combined clubs, 30 strong, will appear in the Opera House, Tuesday, Dec. 19.

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