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DISTRESS IN THE DESERT.

Once upon a time the Oregonian sent one of its reporters out into the desert to plug for a toga for Harvey. The cruel barbarians of the section disregarded his sacred office of ambassador, beat his jaw and rent his garments, leaving him nothing more than a voice howling in the wilderness. Thereupon the Oregonian came to his rescue with a few of its moral hyperbolas, cribbed from the cannibals of the Fiji Islands. The Oregon Daily Journal was mean enough to run in on the Oregonian's sacred literature in the following manner:

The unhappy editor of the morning paper takes a melancholy view of virtue. It is not a producer, and so he bewails those momentary lapses when he has been seduced into its support. For instance, hear his moan:

"If a man steals the county or city blind, he is to be treated with every mark of consideration, or else he will break somebody's head, stop his paper, or bring a libel suit." Therefore the editor that has found that virtue doesn't pay will henceforth save his head, keep up his subscriptions, and avoid libel suits. But even the truly good are slow to appreciate the shining virtues of this melancholy Jacques. Hear him:

"The myth that so called law-and-order people will stand by the newspaper that does its public duty is one of the most mirth-provoking ever transmitted from a remote antiquity."

That is a view entirely too gloomy, and comes from the inexperience of the editor in that particular line of conduct. Try it once. It is worth the experiment. And while the spirit moves, it would be interesting for the editor to tell us how the people of no law and order stand by their newspapers.

Again another sad wail breaks the silence:

"While you are yet writing the promised editorial against crimping, thei. lawyer is signing a treaty of alliance with Larry Sullivan."

Of course, there is nothing to be done after that except to join the alliance. But surely Larry has not proved as ungrateful or unappreciative as the law-abiding people. He puts up for what he gets, and he gets a good deal. He elected his mayor, and has got his chief, and controls his newspaper. If he does not stand by all these, he deserves to be classed with those law-and-order people who don't stand by their newspaper. He has extended his field of usefulness beyond crimping for the benefit of the commerce of Portland to a partnership in gambling that helps out the city considerably, and he is ably supported by his newspaper in both these enterprises. It is difficult to see why the editor of the morning paper should be in such low spirits. If his kind of people stand by his paper—and it must be presumed they do, the contrary not appearing—then it should be matter of small concern to him whether law-and-order peo-

ple support low-and-order papers or not.

The Republican party of Oregon certainly needs a real party paper. The Oregonian claims to be such a paper but its editor went to Washington to dig up a few half-bricks to throw at Williamson. This dis-sension is not due to any fault of Williamson but Scott has evidently made a combination with Moody and Hermann to have himself elected senator, and since then his paper has not been a peace paper. It has been a personal organ. Well, we dare say that Scott will break into the senate about the same time that Moody breaks into the house of representatives, but we would hate to name a date for that momentous occurrence.

"Go out into Oregon, Mr. Langille, and have an interview with the people of that state from the fifth story of Hotel Portland, come back to D. C. and inform the powers that be that there is a steadily growing sentiment among Oregon people favoring forest reserves," said Mr Hitchcock. Mr. Langille did.—Klamath Falls Express.

If the Express is right about this, the Portland Hotel ought to be raised for sheltering a conspiracy against the commonwealth under its roof.

When Hermann became suspicious of Williamson it was a funny occurrence. If Williamson had become suspicious of the land commissioner, who turned on the tears when told that his work was too odoriferous for Roosevelt, there would have been some sweet reasonableness in the condition. As it stands, Williamson could get just a few more letters of recommendation as to honesty than Binger.

Senator Brownell intends to introduce a bill into the next legislature doing away with county and state party conventions and permitting electors to vote direct for their choice at the primaries. Such a law is now in force in Minnesota and has worked toward party cleanliness. The State of Wisconsin has a like law upon its statute books.

The Oregonian is a very moral paper on all subjects except gambling and prostitution. On these subjects it stands with the present administration of Mayor Williams. It hasn't yet converted the ministers of Portland to its views.

Attracted to Central Oregon.

That James F. Booge will be a millionaire in a few years is the prediction of Joseph Trauerman and Will H. Livingston, who returned yesterday from Central Oregon, where Mr. Booge is acquiring large tracts of timber land. Mr. Booge already has secured title to several hundred acres of land covered by tall yellow pine trees, and he is buying more. His intention is to hold on to the land until a railroad shall come his way, and Mr. Trauerman and Mr. Livingston say that if he only can do that the fates will not be able to keep him from writing a check which will require seven figures.—Sioux City (Iowa) Journal.

Mr. Booge, to whom the Journal refers, is at present a resident of

Deschutes and has become sufficiently interested in the country to decide upon remaining here. With his father, he at one time was extensively engaged in the meet packing business in Sioux City. Besides investing in fine lands, Mr. Booge will engage in the livestock business and we trust that his coming into this vicinity will prove as remunerative as the Journal's informants predict.

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