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MITCHELL'S SENTENCE.

Six months in prison and \$1,000 fine is the sentence passed up on Senator Mitchell for using his high public office for illegitimate private gain. None can say it is unjust, though the imprisonment had hardly been expected. There was a hard fight to stave off sentence, but it was unavailing. John H. Mitchell, man convicted of crime,-not Senator Mitchell controlling federal patronage and a state machine that meant ruin to those, who, in the interest of better government, should oppose himwas before the bar of justice. And John H. Mitchell, the criminal, got

These are hard words to use in speaking of a man whom Oregon has so persistently and highly honored. But they are true words. In the interest of public and private kept in power for nearly a generation, a man who came into the state dishonored moralty we must get over the habit of applying soft terms to the offences of those in high station. Through their power and cunning they may frequently elude justice, but a convicted "statesman" is no better than a convicted ditch-digger. He is worse, for the moral turpitude involved is greater in the man who has reached high station and so wretchedly abuses the confidence of the people who gave him

senatorial offenders, Quay, Dietrich, Burton, Mitchell, Depew, and others of like kidney, is that their morality is bounded by the terms of the statute. They are prevented from committing crimes, not because the acts would be wrong, but because the law might catch them. This is not virtue; it is mere selfish fear. The man who does right for right's sake does not get into these troubles. It is the low conception of duty that treats public office as a private snap which has brought about all this rottenness that is now being uncovered. The man who puts conscience in his work and life may not be so all-fired popular with the rag, tag and bobtail, but he is the safer man for the country and all the people.

DESTINY ON THE DESCHUTES.

Surely there will be some good towns on the 700 square miles of Deschutes "desert." Bend won't be the only town; no more will Prineville. There will be local trading centers at Laidlaw, Tumalo, Cline Falls, Redmond, Forest, River Bed and doubtless other places. As the country is occupied there will be demand and support for an these. So long as they keep pace with the development of native resources they will be all right. If they run ahead they will find

hard sledding. Towns are not to be made arbitrarily. Capital alone cannot build a city, any more than it can produce a daisy or a pumpkin over night. Tacoma and Seattle are living examples of the futility of efforts to change the direction of commerce as established by natural selection. The mighty power of the Northern Pacific railway, with all of its concentric rings, set itself about the task of treating a new city at Tacoma and

killing the old city at Seattle. The old town had no railroad, there was no room for two cities, and everybody thought it must fail. But did it? The Northern Pacific railroad itself went into bankruptcy and the head of its land and townsite ring committed suicide. And Seattle committed suicide committed suicide committed suicide committed suicide committed suicide. And Seattle committed suicide committe today is a bigger and better city because of its fight with the Northern Pacific.

Tacoma is now a goodly town because the country has developed and there is room for more cities. But the mightiest exertion of the Northern Pacific could not force it to be the chief city on Puget sound in the ing Lake county lands. face of the natural Selection of

In the vast and rich country of the Deschutes there will be more agement to them all. Bend will land of irrigation. not go out of business on that ecount. It is by natural selection high-grade job printing. trade center and it must remain has the facilities for business and the location for business. And it does the busines.

agencies for development of the Bend, Oregon, country. We shall live in goodellowship with our neighbors. We shall make progress as fast as the general growth will permit, not by pulling down others but by lifting ourselves up. Our water power and our timber must make a large town here. The wider influences of business, irresistable as the tides, have set this way and our destiny will be worked out on these lines.

The Community at Fault.

Only the community that sent John Mitchell to the senate is responsible for his character. The dignity of the senate itself is not in question.— Washington Star.

And therein lies the great pity of it all. The dignity of the senate is not in-volved, but the high standard of Oregon's citizenship is in question because only we, the community which elected him, are responsible for the long and remarkable career of John H. Mitchell, Throughout the length and breadth of the land it is known that Oregon has half a century ago and whose dishonor was as well known then as it is now. It is a system of machine politics, fostered by the peanut politicians of the start, which has resulted in placing power and influence in the hands of men of the Mitchell stripe, and there is a kind of poetic justice in the fact that the poetic justice in the fact that that same machine lies buried under its own ruins.

Wild Parsnip Kills Horses.

Dr. Nichol, having lost two horses recently through mysterious illness, instituted a close inquiry and finds the wild parsnip, or Oregon The great trouble with all these hemlock, that is common in the wild hay of the Deschutes, is sponsible for the loss of most of the horses that die in this vicinity. He believes it produced the death of a number of horses on the ditch work last winter. It kills cattle as well as horses.

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