

No Hope for Mitchell.

Salem, Or., Feb. 4—A special to the Boise Statesman says: There are now only 38 members who are willing to elect a United States senator by means of a joint assembly.

Oregon in all probability will have but one United States senator for the next two years unless the governor calls an extra session, and even in that event the present deadlock would be likely to be repeated.

It is practically settled that Mitchell can never secure 46 members, which number constitutes a majority of the joint assembly, which meets from day to day, and unless he is able to secure this number no attempt will be made to ballot for senator.

Mitchell has claimed all along that if he could secure votes of 46 members his claim to the seat would be recognized by the United States senate no matter whether the vote was taken regularly or not.

Failing in this the only alternative is to prevent an election and go before the people at the next election a year from June.

He will claim that the populists, led by Jonathan Bourne and five or six silver republicans, held up the legislature and blocked all business.

A Good Tramp Story.

A humorous citizen of Pendleton gives the East Oregonian a good tramp story in the following language:

A tramp called at a certain house in the city yesterday and asked a hand out. On being invited to wield the axe for a while to give him an appetite, he readily complied, and split up a nice pile of wood, filled up all the wood boxes and then the cook set a substantial spread before him.

While filling himself up he said he knew a man who applied for something to eat, and was asked to split some wood. Having complied and been liberally filled up, he was asked by the young lady to come again. He did so, and the young lady told him she had some land she wanted cleared up. He proceeded to clear up the land. She wanted a cabin built. He proceeded to build a cabin. The land being cleared, the cabin built, the young lady said she wanted a husband. So they were married and became the best people in the town. He was elected to congress and later to the Oregon legislature, and they lived happy ever afterward.

The Durrant case in California promises to be as great a disgrace to the administration of justice as the murderer is to the human race. It has not yet been heard by the supreme court, and it is said a decision may not be reached before the end of the year. Again, many persons learned in the law believe he will be given a new trial. If he

is to have a new trial he should have had it a year ago. No state has any right to maintain a system that keeps such a case dragging along in the courts for years.

Greenbacks and bank notes are more in demand at Salem these times than gold. You see, greenbacks don't rattle or jingle, and they can be easily handed from hand and put in a large envelope and carried on the inside pocket. And, by the way, one of the legislators [even] was seen to have one of those large envelopes full of green money, as he was not a "green-un" either.

E. P. Thorp, editor of the Cottage Grove Leader, was found dead in a pool of water about a quarter of a mile east of that town one morning last week. On investigation it was found he had been stricken with a severe attack of apoplexy. Mr. Thorp had been in the newspaper business about 25 years.

The free silver officials saved to the county of Yamhill for the first six months of their term \$1,192.50 over their predecessors, and for the two years of their term it is estimated they will save to the county \$4,770. Pretty good for one county.

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