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**FULTON vs. HITCHCOCK**

THE enmity between Senator Fulton and Secretary Hitchcock, which has been smouldering for two years or more, has at last broken into fierce flame and from now on it promises to be "war to the knife and the knife to the hilt." When the senator returned to Oregon recently, he took occasion to say a number of uncomplimentary things about the secretary, among others being the assertion that Mr. Hitchcock is in his dotage. The secretary naturally resented the charge, and to show that he is still rather vigorous he has started a searching investigation of the senator's record in the belief that somewhere may be found grounds for placing the name of Fulton in the list of Oregon's dishonored statesmen. Had Fulton shown a little of that discretion which is said to be the better part of valor, it might have been better for him and for Oregon. He is a new man in the senate and, as a class, the reputation of Oregon statesmen, just now, is rather below par. The secretary has all the machinery of the interior department at his command and it is not likely that the president will go out of his way to protect a senator who has been disposed to "scrap" the administration from start to finish. While all Oregonians will hope that nothing will come of the investigation of Senator Fulton, they will also, no doubt, regret that he has thus invited a prolongation of the feud that can only bring loss to the state.

THE ministerial association of Dubuque, Iowa, has declared war on the "peek-a-boo" waist. Each member has pledged himself at an early date to preach a sermon on "Slaves of Fashion," in which this article of female apparel is to be exposed and mercilessly denounced. From all that can be gathered on the subject, only moralists and women know much about the "peek-a-boo" waist. The average man could not tell that particular brand from any other kind until the difference had been pointed out, and then he would have to be told why it is immoral before he could realize its hideous immorality. But a whole lot of things are going on under the very eyes of the average man to which he is blind, and now that congress has adjourned and the silly season is on, perhaps the "peek-a-boo" waist may as well claim his thought as any other reform.—Oregonian.

THERE is good sound sense in the suggestion that what Oregon needs is the production of crops that will have a much larger average value. It is folly to raise \$12-an-acre crops on land with

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JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER has offered the munificent reward of 25 cents each for every snake killed on his Pocantico estate, but the dispatch fails to state what reward he is offering just now for octopus. Should those nosing prosecuting attorneys succeed in taking Standard Oil away from him, he will doubtless need to go into the market and purchase a few new ones to take its place.

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