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## PUTER'S CAPTURE

So long as S. A. D. Puter remained at large, says the Telegram, no matter what the Government might accomplish in other respects, there could be no fit climax to the Land Department prosecution. While it is true that Puter gained immunity for services



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rendered the proscution, it is equally true that he was the cleverest and most unregenerate of all the persons with which the Government had anything to do. Indeed, in the very midst of the trials he was already at work in fresh criminal operations, from which the state was barely rescued, to be followed by even more daring depredations, which defrauded capable business men of thousands upon thousands of dollars.

The good faith of the Government was not only involved in the apprehension of Puter, but also in his stern and determined prosecution. If all that appears about him is true, and very much of it undoubtedly is, there is only one proper place for Puter, and the law carfully prescribes what it is.

## DO WOMEN WANT TO VOTE

If the women of Oregon themselves wanted to vote there might be some excuse for giving them the right. But, apparently, the women do not want this privelege and pay little attention to the glowing speeches made by woman suffragists imported from other states.

That this is so plainly proved by many recent occurences, and the man must be tlind indeed who does not

recognize them.

It is not neccessary to dwell on the fact that an association of women with headquarters in Portland and branches all over the state, have sent out circular letters asking the men of Oregon not to mistake the clamor of female agitators from distant states for the sentliment of the women of Oregon. A more striking and convincing proof that the women themselves do not want the burden of the ballot forced upon them is found in a recent debate which took place in the largest church in Portland. At this debate two preachers, the Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougher and the Rev. Clarence True Wilson, took opposite sides on the woman suffrage question. The audience was composed, by actual count, of 400 women and about 40 men. At the close of the debate a vote was taken on the question of woman suffrage and the result stood 176 against and only 173 for it.

When it is considered that the suffragists had got out their crowd, that there were very few men in the audience, and that many of these refused to vote, the result of the balloting is most significant.

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