

MITCHELL'S CANDIDACY.

Senator Mitchell has returned from Washington to take charge of his senatorial campaign for re-election. The question is, what claim has he upon the votes of the 90 assembly men who meet at Salem January 11?

It is assumed he will claim his election, (and it is a strong claim) on the ground of experience and ability and Republicanism. He has also a strong claim on the grounds of good fellowship. Indeed, if he had come back to Oregon prior to the June campaign and relied upon the latter element, his strongest card, and had made a canvass before the people, without attempting to renounce his views as a bimetalist, his election would be sure today.

His true friends regretted that he remained away in the spring campaign. It looked as though he waited to see which way the cat would jump before committing himself on the money question. When he did return to Oregon in the fall it was to make a silver campaign on a gold standard platform, declaring McKinley stood on a silver platform, etc., that the Republican party was a silver party, that its policy was to restore silver, to coin silver, etc., and by such talk persuaded many into voting the gold standard ticket and carrying Oregon for McKinley. This policy was coupled with no renunciation of his views of but a few months before when he declared to friends who published it broadcast to the world that not for forty re-elections to the senate would he give up his convictions on the silver question.

Now the question arises can genuine bimetalists or any sincere gold standard man vote for Senator Mitchell and retain their self-respect or the confidence of their constituents? The people have more respect for extreme goldites like Dolph and Harvey Scott because they know where to find them, than they have for the double dealing demagoguery or "anything to get the office" style of politics. The people say let our public men be one thing or the other. But let us not put a premium on deceit and shuffling to get our high offices. Senator Mitchell could have been elected on his record as a silver man; or he could have retired with an honorable defeat as such; or he could have said last spring to the silver men of all parties who supported him as such and supported candidates for the legislature as silver Mitchell men: "Gentlemen, I am no longer a believer in free coinage of silver; I have been mistaken; I am now a monometallicist." But he said nothing and now the question arises how can Mitchell be honorably elected or how can he go into an honorable retirement?

The people respect Mr. Mitchell as a gentleman and as a man who has long held office for Oregon. But his candidacy is a compromise of principles, humiliating to all the old political friends of the senator and gratifying only in case of success to the most obnoxious class of hangers-on known to Oregon politics. The people are not for sale for an office. Their principles and devotion to the cause of genuine bimetalism is not for sale. This fact precludes the possibility of Senator Mitchell's success at this time and under these circumstances. He had better have staid at Washington. His presence will only embitter the Republican factions and his success will make it impossible for silver Republicans hereafter to have any confidence in the sincerity of Republican leaders on this question.

The "Mitchell Republicans" elected to the legislature because they were "silver" men and because of his "silver" record and "silver" views, were bitterly opposed and in some counties defeated because of the "silver" issue in the spring campaign. But for the votes of "silver" Democrats and "silver" Populists, for "silver" Republican Mitchell men, the legislature would not have been Republican. It was elected as a "silver Republican Mitchell" legislature. Mitchell's shifting ground on the silver ques-

tion released these Republican representatives. Democrats and Populists were elected to the legislature who openly said in their canvass before the people that they would vote for Mitchell. Why? Because then he was known as the foremost champion of free coinage on the Pacific coast. Such representatives cannot vote for Senator Mitchell under the circumstances.

All this is sincerely regretted by THE JOURNAL, because it was an uncompromisingly for Senator Mitchell's return to the senate as a matter of principle as it was uncompromisingly against the return of Senator Dolph. It was the silver Republicans who carried Marion county for a Mitchell delegation and who loyally supported that delegation when the gold faction sought to defeat them.

We challenge anyone to deny this. Was the Mitchell they pledged themselves to support a gold standard man, or the hero of many a free silver battlefield? An honest answer compels us to say, it was not a gold standard man the people of Marion county supported at the polls in June, 1896.

1896. Russia extended her dominion over Asia by building the trans-Siberian railway, and the practical annexation of Manchuria by treaty with China. Turkey has lowered herself in the eyes of the world by the disgraceful massacres of the Armenians.

Great Britain was "persuaded" to submit her boundary dispute with Venezuela to arbitration at the "suggestion" of the United States.

Spain closes the year with two practically suppressed rebellions on her hands. In Cuba she has murdered Antonio Maceo by a military assassination. In the Philippine islands Dr. Rizal, who drew the constitution of the Philippine league, was executed upon a court martial.

The year opened in South Africa with the expulsion of the Jameson raiders by the Boers under President Kruger.

The English are pressing an armed force into the Sudan as the year closes.

France has completed the annexation of Madagascar, declaring the island a French colony.

Italy was defeated in an attempt to create a colonial empire in Africa. The Negus (emperor) Menelek of Abyssinia routed the Italian army at Adoua, took 2000 prisoners and compelled Italy to make peace on a basis of mutual non-interference.

At the very close of the year the Republic of Columbia attempts to seize the Cora islands off the coast of Nicaragua and held by that power for fifty years.

LETTER FROM ARIZONA.

PHOENIX, Dec. 26, '95.

Dear Sir:—I have been in business now three weeks this coming Sunday, and like it first-rate. I had a position and commenced work before I was here a month, and while I am doing much better than I could in Oregon, I wouldn't advise anyone to come here unless they are in poor health, as the country is full of people, wanting work, and unless you get something to do, your expenses soon run up on you. I pay \$6 a month room rent, and \$4.50 per week board.

Most of the buildings are one story and made of brick, as lumber is very high, from \$28 to \$30 per thousand. The railroads just rob the people here, and make it impossible to ship much of anything out. For instance Tucson is about ninety miles from Phoenix, and they charge more to carry stuff from here there, than from Los Angeles to that place, which is over six hundred miles. Almost every kind of business is overdone here. W. W.

DANGEROUSLY ILL.—A light engine passed through Salem about 5:15 o'clock Sunday afternoon for Portland carrying John Lewis, the well-known Southern Oregon mining man to the home of his father in the metropolis. Mr. Lewis, Sr., is a member of the firm of Allen & Lewis, and is lying dangerously ill at his home in the northwest metropolis. The engine left Leland, Josephine county, about 11 a. m. Sunday and reached Portland shortly after 6 o'clock making the run of about 300 miles in seven hours.

CASTORIA. The health of the man is in a very weak state.

STREETWORK.

About Our City Streets.

Salem Can Show Retrenchment But Can We Show Streets?

One of the most important committees to be made up by Mayor Richardson is that of "streets and public property" and it is to be hoped that his selection for chairman of this committee will be made with due reference to the capacity and adaptability of the appointee for the special work to be handled by the committee.

This committee has direct control over all street improvement and must be at all times responsible to the council for the condition of the streets, gutters, sidewalks and crosswalks. The sewerage system also comes within the purview of this committee as well as all bridges and culverts.

The street commissioner is practically the foreman for the committee on streets. But the expense of running the department is entirely under the control of the committee and there is no department of the city government which requires more careful and economical business management than does the street department.

During the last two years this committee has been composed of W. T. Rigdon, Thos. Holman and J. J. Murphy. Mr. Murphy has been too busy to give the work of the committee much assistance and the whole duty has been devolved upon Mr. Rigdon and Holman. A short comparison of their work and the outlay in this department with preceding years, will show up quite favorably the management of these gentlemen.

Notwithstanding the hard times complained of for the last two years, there has been as much new wooden sidewalk constructed, as under any former two years, and the cement walks constructed under their administration far exceed all the cement laid during the preceding year of the history of the city. The year 1897 opens up in the city of Salem with the sidewalks and streets probably in as good condition as they have ever been found.

The cost of running this department for the last five years, has been as follows:

Year 1893.....\$5,587 03
Year 1894.....2,878 29
Year 1895.....1,973 84
Year 1896.....1,919 22
In 1895 an extra expense was made opening up Mill street. A much needed improvement, which had been delayed many years, by the friends of the Southern Pacific company, and was only accomplished at last by the energy and push of the chairman of the committee.

In 1896 an extra expense of \$222 was made in relaying the sewer to the city hall, and this item was charged up to the street department. Still, the running expenses for the years 1895-1896, including these items, is less than any year in the last decade.

This speaks volumes for the business sagacity and honest management of this committee, and Mayor Richardson will be fortunate indeed, if he succeeds in selecting a committee that will conduct the street department with the same economy and integrity that has characterized its workings for the past two years.



When a young couple runs away to get married half the world says: "How Romantic!" the other half says: "How silly!" But you can't tell either way until the "honey-moon" is over. When this young couple get settled down to the regular hum-drum of life, they'll manage all right and find solid happiness in any case, if they have good hearts and sound health. All depends on that.

It's wonderful how much health has to do with married happiness. Sickness affects the temper. You can't be happy nor make others happy if you're ailing. When you find yourself irritable, easily worried, beginning to "run-down," it's because your blood is getting poor. You need richer blood and more of it. Your blood-making organs need to be vitalized by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It imparts new power to produce an abundance of the healthy, red corpuscles, and gives you a fresh supply of pure, rich blood. It's a blood-creator; it is for everyone whose blood is impure or in a poor, "run-down" condition. It prevents the germs of disease from getting a hold on your system. Even after disease is settled on you, it is driven out by the blood-creating properties of the "Discovery." It is a perfect cure for general and nervous debility, catarrh, malaria, sciatica, erysipelas, scrofula and every form of blood-disease. It is called a consumption-cure but even consumption, which has its roots in the blood—is driven out by the "Golden Medical Discovery" if taken in time. One of the most eminent physicians and medical writers in this country.

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