

MR. SCOTT, BE FAIR.

In the Oregonian of January 4 is a scorching arraignment of the fee system in Oregon, and as usual, the whole system is made to center over the head of Secretary of State Kincaid.

Such a campaign of reform can only have one result. It will gather all the supporters of the fee system in the legislature around Mr. Kincaid and, in protecting him against a malevolent personal attack, they will insist that nothing shall be done to abolish the fee system that does not include the governor, treasurer, school superintendent, clerk of the supreme court, the supreme court, etc., etc., and all can see that nothing will come of it, and the big fee-grabbers will escape, while Harvey Scott has wreaked his personal spite on one man he does not like.

The Oregonian's representative seems to have instructions to dig up all he can to make the secretary offensive to the people, and be silent about all the other abuses. Perhaps that is why never a word appears about the unconstitutional salary and perquisites of the governor and treasurer, and yet they sit on all the boards that Kincaid does, and each draws identically the same pay as the secretary does.

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WHY PRESIDENT?

The Oregonian has announced that Jo. Simon will "direct" the Senate of the legislature that assembles at Salem Jan. 11th. As "director" for a directorate composed of three men at Portland, including Mr. Simon and Harvey Scott, he would be a proper selection.

For any other purpose Mr. Simon is not a good man to make President of the Senate. His Republicanism has not been of the perfectly loyal stripe, as he has helped defeat some of the purest and ablest men in the party.

Either Mr. Patterson, of Marion, or Mr. Johnson, of Linn would make a creditable president of the Senate, who would pay some heed to the demands of the people for reforms at this time.

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PINGREE TALKS SENSE.

Mr. Pingree, who is mayor of Detroit and governor-elect of Michigan, recently talked sound economic sense to a representative of the Chicago Times-Herald.

"Prosperity? Fiddlesticks. There can be no prosperity so long as the country is at the mercy of the money-lenders. The social system is out of joint. We need a law against great fortunes. Men form combinations and put their hands into the pockets of the poor. They never take from those who have, but steal from those who have not.

"Gold standard talk has had its day. There will never be another Republican convention which will write that word in its platform. There will next time be a strong bimetallic platform, and this is what the people want. They will have learned by that time that prosperity does not necessarily come by the election of any one man to the presidency, and that prosperity cannot come until the laws are radically changed.

While he was elected as a Republican and by Republicans to the highest executive office in Michigan, Mr. Pingree is not a Republican in principle or policy. Whatever he may be termed or he may term himself, he is a Democrat in the best sense of the word.

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His Maritime Canal bill proposes to issue to the New York corporation that has kindly taken the canal under its wing and already made two or three assignments, of a hundred millions, and "Our Father in Heaven" knows not how many more millions, of bonds. If we are going to have anything to do with a canal for the people why not build it without a private corporation? Uncle Sam can build canals on the Columbia, can clean the snags out of the Willamette, the Yamhill, the Yaquina and Salt Creek, but we are not big enough to build a canal that would be a source of great profit to all without "huntingtonizing" it to some rotten corporation!

Mr. Mitchell entirely overlooks the fact at present most prominent. The country is suffering for revenue, not expenditures. The country is suffering to the tune of hundreds of millions from partnerships with corporations already. It is not crying for more bonding schemes on which it can never collect interest or principal and which will make more shabby millionaires and rob the people for all future time.

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NO SURE THING.

"Mitchell is elected on the first ballot, sure thing," is the shout of Mitchell's organs. It might be said if he has such a sure thing, he could be elected if at his post of duty, as he was six years ago.

Dolph was condemned for coming home from Washington. Will Mitchell's friends say he would have been elected if he had stayed away? If he has such a sure thing, why has he come home to take personal charge of his campaign? Two weeks ago Senator Morgan informed the senate that Senator Mitchell would not be away from Washington during the short session.

The truth is up to two weeks ago Senator Mitchell expected to stay in Washington and so had the Nicaragua canal bill called. He promised the committee he would be there to champion the bill, or he could not have secured the promised consideration. If he had not abandoned his old silver friends would this sudden resolution to come home have been made?

OREGON MIST.

Even Dr. J. M. Keene has not yet been able to find steady employment at remunerative wages.

Levin Bros., a San Francisco grocery house, has failed for \$129,000. Estimated assets \$110,000.

When Senator Mitchell abandoned the principles he advocated for a lifetime, he became a mere barnacle candidate.

A pronounced Salem prosperity howler has got the wave of prosperity so badly he has cut his hired working girl's wages to \$1 a week, makes her sleep in the attic and no half day off to see her beau.

Bryan got 1,000,000 more votes than any defeated candidate ever received before, but what good did it do him? There should be counted for him 150,043 votes cast by Middle-of-the-Road Populists who voted for him.

The silver product of the United States decreased for 1896 2,554,000 ounces. But why lament? Is it not the policy of our government to boom the gold industry and stride down silver? The Salem Statesman which represents the "government" weekly predicts in the most gleeful manner: "Watch silver go down to 40 cents an ounce." We want wool, prunes and wheat high; but let us all give silver a-1-1!

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Favors the Funding Bill and

Also Wants a Huntingtonized Nicaragua Canal.

[Portland East Oregonian.] The Portland Oregonian appears to have given up its opposition to the refunding government debt of the Pacific railroad and came out in favor of the measure for some time before congress.

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The schooner Free Trade was struck by a heavy sea while crossing the Tillamook bar lately. The man at the wheel was injured and the steering gear demolished.

Jim McGarvey cut Aleck Watts in the region of the lower ribs last Monday, at the latter's place near Williams creek in Joseph county there had been trouble over water rights and on that morning Watts found a joint of his pipe knocked out thus destroying the head for the time being. McGarvey who is an old man of about 70 years stood by with an ax and said, "I did that and I am going to put a stop to your coming here." Aleck grappled with him to take the ax away when McGarvey pulled out a butcher knife and stabbed him.

Professor R. D. Williams, who was stabbed by Ed. Meader one of his pupils at Prairie City, in Grant county, has since died.

The firm of Douglas & Co. of Springfield daily, in Lane county is now making from 50 to 55 pounds of butter a day.

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