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The Resignation of Senator Mitchell.

The Portland board of trade has joined in the request of the Portland Oregonian to have Senator Mitchell resign, as well as the two Oregon congressmen. The latter organization takes the position that the Oregon delegation no longer represents the people of Oregon, and that these officials are standing "in the way of the people." These promises are not well taken, as Senator Mitchell and the two congressmen were the deliberate choice of the people, by overwhelming numbers. That verdict of the people has not been recalled. In the case of Congressman Hermann, he was twice re-elected in the face of all the charges now hanging over him. But we wish to point out some circumstances in these cases that have not been sufficiently emphasized. The Journal does not admit that the Oregon senators and congressmen have been guilty of any offenses that have not been common practices of senators and congressmen in all the western states and in many of the eastern states. These practices may have become intolerable abuses that should be abolished, and doubtless they are. But that Mitchell and Hermann and Williamson have been guilty of any offense that has not been committed by their colleagues in the senate and congress, and by the people generally we cannot believe. Can anyone deny that other senators from Oregon have taken fees from corporations while in office? Were not other law firms that happened to have an United States senator in the firm been retained by corporations like the Southern Pacific company, and by the Northern Pacific and by the O. R. & N. Co. Now, admitting that this is all wrong, and we believe it is, and would not for ourselves sanction any service by a senator or congressman against the interest of the common people, and admitting that it would be proper for Senator Mitchell to resign, and that it would be desirable to have him do so, what are the equities and courtesies to be observed in the matter? There has not been any regard paid to that matter. Senator Mitchell is one of the oldest senators in the United States. He has served the state with distinction and ability and has had recognition in places high up on the committees. He has lived down, and his friends have fought down, the bitterest political opposition. Even the newspaper that has pursued him relentlessly for two generations, had made up with him and buried the hatchet after the most prolonged and bitter struggle of an intensely personal nature. On the home run of a long political career, Senator Mitchell is tripped up and sustains a bad fall at a time when no one was looking for it. New standards of political morality are erected. New policies of rectifying abuses in the public service are introduced and prosecuted relentlessly. In his old age he is pursued by detectives, and the bitterest animosity on the part of the interior department and the department of justice is displayed, to secure his conviction, while he is at a tremendous disadvantage. Then those who have joined in with this process of reducing a statesman at the climax of his career to a felon come out and demand that he resign at their behest. That should be the last thing to ask of a proud and sensitive man like Senator Mitchell in the hour of his humiliation. The result if desired could not have been made more certainly impossible. If it had been sincerely desired to have secured the consent of Senator Mitchell to bringing about the appointment

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ment of another to fill his place, and it may be admitted that his influence at Washington has been in a large measure destroyed, just as Senator Simon's influence was destroyed by other processes, there was a certain amount of consideration for the feelings of the senator and for the equities and the courtesies due the situation that should have been shown. Common decency would have dictated that the suggestion be made to the senator by a committee of persons, who, at least, had not been actively engaged in fomenting his downfall and promoting his prosecution. A committee of gentlemen who had been his political friends, not merely recent followers of his successful standard, who had gone to him in good faith and proposed to him as an act of patriotism and justice that he give up the place that the interests of the state might be better promoted at a very trying time in its history—honest men, imbued with only the best of good feeling for all concerned, could have made some impression on the senator and could do so still, in our opinion. They could approach him in the right spirit and ask as a favor what form the other standpoint was demanded by political enemies.

Every human being has interests and feelings and considerations that he must be loyal to. Senator Mitchell has been a loyal friend of Oregon. He has given his life and his services in an unparing manner. If he had been asked by friends as an act of patriotic duty to sever his connection as representative in the upper chamber he might have considered it. We do not say that he can consider it now. But we do say that in his old age he should not have been roughly asked to lay down the crowning honors of a lifetime. He should have been asked in kindness. The friends who asked it should have made efforts not to have the act used or construed against him. They should have enlisted the governor of the state to agree to not appoint some personal enemy of the senator. The governor might even have consented to have appointed some man who has not only not been taking sides against Senator Mitchell, but might have named a Democrat, who was his personal friend. Under such circumstances the resignation of the senator might have been obtained if the matter had been approached in the right spirit and with some decent observation of the requirements of the situation. But the senator's resignation can never be procured by the use of a club, or pressure of hostile public sentiment.

The Capital Journal is not suggesting that Senator Mitchell should resign nor how his resignation should be brought about. It realizes what all fair-minded men must admit, that the senator had a perfect right to appeal to the supreme court of the United States, and to stand upon his right of appeal, and pending which he has every right to be adjudged innocent and unconvicted of any crime. There is no legal or moral obligation resting upon him, or that can be created out of the facts of the case, that oblige him or require him to resign. But when his resignation is brought about, if it is ever accomplished, it will have to be done along the lines indicated. He can never be dragged into resigning. His trial savored more of the political court martial than of a proceeding in a court of justice. It took all the power and pressure of two cabinet officials and an unknown backing and unlimited power of the president at the command of District Attorney Heney to secure a conviction. Under different circumstances he could not have been convicted. Indications are that Mr. Heney is not received with such awe and reverence in other states as he is in Oregon. There may yet come brighter days for Senator Mitchell. But even a man on trial for his life is entitled in a free country to all the equities and courtesies that are due him.

A Western Oregon Man.

(The Recall, Coquille, Coos county.) Director Withycombe of the Oregon experiment station, is by common consent the foremost Republican candidate for governor. While here during the farmers' institute he impressed all who met him as a man who is sound enough to take an interest in all the really good things of life and old enough for the judgment and discretion which is the result of experience.

He has a habit of doing things, and can conduct more institutes, do more experiment work, at the station, look after more correspondence with the inquiring farmers of Oregon, and direct more young men in the way they

should go to become intelligent farmers than any other man in the educational circles of the west.

Eastern Oregon furnished the gubernatorial candidate on the Republican ticket last time. This year western Oregon's turn and there is no man in the state more representative and having greater possibilities of usefulness, more deserving of the honor, than Dr. Withycombe. He is well qualified for the office.

Ten Years of Woman Suffrage.

(Madame for November.) The actual results of a trial of woman suffrage for ten years in American cities and towns is summed up as follows:

1. Neither the efficiency of government nor the standard of public officials is raised in any appreciable degree. Men continue in almost complete control of the government.
2. No great change is apparent in party politics.
3. Women take more interest in civic affairs where they have the ballot.
4. The effect on the great majority of women of exercising the suffrage right is beneficial rather than harmful.
5. The possibility of difficulty in the home remains an argument against the change.
6. Women are intense partisans, as practical as men in governmental affairs.
7. The tendency to elect women to office lessens.
8. As the impression of strangeness wears off, many men lose their prejudice against woman suffrage.
9. The majority of women have no desire for the ballot, but once having it, they will not relinquish the power.
10. After a community has adjusted itself to the change, universal suffrage promotes the universal welfare, though in no pronounced manner.

Webfeet Will Be Driven.

Doubtless the Oregonian has arrived at the conclusion ere this that the people of Oregon are very well satisfied with their state capital right where it is. The people have not taken kindly to the suggestion of the Oregonian that it be moved to Portland, and are not at all worried because the Oregonian has apparently tried to use the proposition as a sort of club to drive the people into line in support of federal aid to that city in exclusion of other sections of the state. But it will not go. We are all proud of Portland and desire to see her grow and prosper like the proverbial green bay tree, but not to the detriment of other portions of the state.—Brownsville Times.

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Heney, the Only IT.

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It will be seen from this that Heney imagines he is the only man or lawyer on earth.

A Matter of Time.

At a country fair a machine which bore a sign reading "How to Make Your Trouser Last" occupied a prominent position on the grounds and attracted much attention. A countryman who stood gaping before it was told by the exhibitor, a person with a long black mustache, a minstrel-stripe shirt and a ninety-four cent diamond in a red cravat, that for 1 cent deposited in the slot the machine would dispense its valuable sartorial advice. The countryman dug the required coin from the depths of a deep pocket and dropped it into the slot. Instantly the machine delivered a card on which was neatly printed:

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