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The Troubles of John Hippie Mitchell, United States Senator from Oregon.

The United States Senate knows one of the Senators from Oregon by the name of John Hippie Mitchell. It is not material who it was that announced that the Senator's name is not Mitchell but Hippie.

Some years ago John Hippie was a promising young lawyer in Butler county, this State. He wooed and married a girl in the village in which he practiced his profession.

There may not be much in a name. The change of name in Hippie's case has brought him with a prominence before the reading and intelligent people of this country and Europe.

Inasmuch as certain articles have appeared in newspapers of recent dates reflecting in serious terms on my conduct in my native State (Pennsylvania) in early life, I submit to the people of Oregon, who have known me intimately for thirteen years, the following statement and evidence in answer to the charges made in such articles.

In so far as the charges, first put in circulation by an anonymous correspondent, impute to me any dishonest act, I deny them, and each and all of them positively, unequivocally and absolutely, and pronounce them and each of them wholly false.

Herewith I print a despatch from Winfield S. Purviance, Esq., a member of the Pittsburgh bar at present formerly a resident of Butler, Pa., a gentleman whose integrity cannot be questioned.

Any charge or pretense that I ever wronged my former partner, Colonel Thompson, or any other man in Pennsylvania, or elsewhere, out of one cent or any amount whatever, or ever attempted to do so, is untrue.

It is true that at the time I left Pennsylvania the law firm of which Col. Thompson and myself were the only members, had an unsettled business, including an amount of outstanding accounts in which I had one half interest.

mands; and the whole business was settled up to the full and complete satisfaction, not only of my said partner, but of all other persons, and without the loss of one cent to any one.

"BUTLER, PA., May 27, 1873. To John H. Mitchell, United States Senator.—No man in Pennsylvania ever lost a cent by you. You have and deserve the confidence and good will of every man who knows you.

Without conceding that it is the right of any man to demand that I should lay my domestic affairs before the world, I simply state that misfortune in respect to these relations was the sole cause of my course in leaving my native State, and I aver that I was and am justified not only in my own mind in the course I pursued, but also, so far as I am aware, in the opinion of all candid persons well acquainted with the facts.

"PHILADELPHIA, PA., May 27, 1873. To John H. Mitchell; In leaving Pennsylvania it was not alleged, I believe, that you were indebted to any one but your Pennsylvania law partner, Col. John M. Thompson, and I know the fact from Col. Thompson himself that you do not owe him anything; and further, that your relations with him continue to be of a most harmonious character.

"SAMUEL A. PURVIANCE." Owing solely to domestic troubles, seeking at that time only obscurity, and hoping that I might be forever separated from some of the memories of the past, but having committed no wrong act to be concealed, neither contemplating the commission of any, I in my then perturbed state of mind decided to be known and called thereafter by my mother's maiden name—Mitchell—which was my middle name by baptism.

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"HARRISBURG, PA., May 27th, 1873. To Hon. John H. Mitchell, Portland, Oregon.—Your character before you left Pennsylvania was unexceptionable, and I never yet heard it doubted, but that you were perfectly justified in leaving as you did. The allegation that you absconded with money is, and was false.

I also herewith present a despatch sent me by Hon. Simon Cameron, United States Senator from Pennsylvania, who has full knowledge of my history in that State and of my standing there now:

"When you left Pennsylvania your reputation was as good as any public man's in your county. All who know you speak now in high terms of your integrity and purity of character, and feel honored by your election to the Senate—in all of which I join.

I was born in Washington county, Pa. June 22, 1826; I was educated at Witherspoon Institute, Pa., studied law with

the law firm of Purviance & Thompson, composed of Hon. Samuel A. Purviance and Colonel John M. Thompson, whose testimonials are herewith submitted.

In conclusion, I submit upon considerations, not of sympathy, but of simple justice, whether in the light of the statement and evidence here presented, and of my deportment among you for the past thirteen years, I am entitled to your future confidence and respect, or deserve your condemnation, I stand to day strong in the full consciousness that in reference to the matters alleged I have been actuated by no evil intentions, and feeling and knowing that I have presented these matters in all truthfulness, with your judgment I shall remain content.

Respectfully, JOHN H. MITCHELL. Portland, Oregon, May 31, 1873.

The Indians would all become civilized if they could be cut off from their traditions. So with our Democratic friends; if they could be cut off from their party traditions, a different system would manifest itself immediately.

ALBERT HENDERSON and Samuel Hickman escaped from the Norristown Montgomery Co. jail on the night of the 11th inst. They cut their way through a two inch floor, bored through a brick wall, then tunneled under the prison wall into the jail yard the wall of which they scaled.

The following description of the escaped convicts has been published, and the accompanying reward offered: Henderson came from Buffalo, N. Y. He is 24 years of age, has light complexion, light brown hair, light mustache and goatee; he is 5 feet 9 inches in height, and weighs about 150 pounds.

There arrived in Louisville, a few days ago, on foot all the way from Mississippi a venerable sick negro, who had trudged all the weary distance thither to obtain hospital treatment, and was accompanied by a small brown dog. When told the Courier Journal, that he must give up his dog before he could go to the City Hospital, the poor old man took the dog in his arms, and with the tears running down his face, replied that the dog was the best friend he had in the world, and that he would rather die from want in the streets with his dog Tim, than live in comfort without him.

Hair cloth is made from the hair of horses' tails, which is brought some of it from South America, but more from Russia. In the latter country it is collected at the fairs of Nizui Novgorod and Isbit. It is of all shades of color, and for use is dyed black. The poorest quality sells for about 50 cents a pound; the best of it for \$4, the price rapidly increasing as the length exceeds twenty-four inches.

Some negro divers brought up from Mobila bay, last week, fragments of the exploded boiler of the steamer Franklin which, thirty-six years ago, went down with many lives.

A MORAL can be found occasionally in a Long Branch letter. Only two summers ago, says one, James Fisk and Helmholt had the most elegant, or rather the most expensive, carriages at the Branch. Each afternoon Fisk, in his carriage glittering with varnish and gilt ornaments, drawn by four horses, two black and two white, attracted the attention and shocked the good taste of thousands who saw him there.

It is a question among Memphis and Nashville doctors whether there have been any cases of real cholera in those cities.

They had a severe type of cholera morbus in Washington, D. C. It was the next thing to cholera.

Two thousand raw Chinamen landed in California on the 14th inst.

The Geneva award of \$15,500,000 is to be paid on September 14th of the present year.

A Wife's Fall and Wanderings.

In the summer of 1865, just shortly after the close of the war, a young man who had been a stranger to the place, made his appearance in a quiet village within a radius of thirty miles of Johnstown, Pa. He soon secured the acquaintance of the citizens generally, and particularly ingratiated into the good graces of the lady of a household whose husband was frequently compelled to be absent from home on business required in the manufacture in which he was engaged.

A Leavenworth despatch under date of the 10th inst. says: A bridge over the river Marias des Ciques, on the Leavenworth, Lawrence and Galveston railroad, in Kansas, fell while a train was passing over it on Saturday last, and the bridge and train were entirely demolished.

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NEWS DISPATCHES.

A despatch of the 10th inst from CHICAGO, Canada says: For several days past obstructions have been placed across the Erie and Niagara railroad track between Chippewa and Black creek, in the shape of railway ties, with the evident intention of throwing the express train off the track, but have been discovered in time to avert disaster.

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Counterfeit five cent nickles are abundant in New Orleans.

SHORT ITEMS.

Vermont has three female stage drivers. The cultivation of ginger is to be tried in California.

Hartford, Conn., had an auction of coffins the other day.

Texas are talking of a \$1,000 testimonial to General Mackenzie.

The head waitress at the Quaker Dairy, New York, wears diamonds.

There is a demand in Chicago for public bath houses along the lakes.

A child with a frog's head is reported from Washington county, Vt. Darwin.

It is proposed in Bedford, Ind., to let out school teaching to the lowest bidder.

Amber jewelry is becoming very fashionable; it looks very well with light dresses.

Texas is rapidly filling up with people from the northwestern and southern States, and from Germany.

The trial of Frank H. Walworth for the murder of his father is set down for Monday the 24th instant.

Berks county complains of being over-run with tramps. Berks voted for Lincoln at the late election.

A young widow recently wrote to a friend: "I am now in the honeymoon of my widowhood."

The people of Center county have discovered another large and wonderful cave near Center Hall.

An experienced under writer believes that oiled rags occasion more fires in this country than any other single cause.

Some fellow says that three in every five matches made at Saratoga go to the courts for divorce.

A recently arrived German girl drowned herself in a cistern at Cincinnati because she was home sick.

Several men devote their whole time to the invention of mechanical toys, and realize handsome profits from their works.

Many people are not aware that a green postage stamp may be used twice, the first time for three cents, the second time for fifty dollars.

A runaway horse leaped a five barred gate with a buggy, in Portland, without damage to himself or carriage, but to the destruction of the gate.

Silkman who assaulted Coon, the editor of the Scranton Free Press, and paid his type, has been made to pay \$1200 for his trouble.

An old gander attacked a two-year old boy in Montreal recently, and so frightened him that he was thrown into convulsions and died.

A man in Troy is writing a biography of Mathusalem. He has been five years at it, and is still working on the boyhood days of his subject.

During the storm which prevailed some weeks ago in the northern part of Nebraska many deer and antelope died from starvation. The elk fared better.

A Fort Wayne girl engaged herself to a young man "for fun," but she fainted when she found that he had procured the publication of the engagement in a newspaper.

There are several cases of small pox at Cooksburg, Forest county. The number is said to be eight. Precautions have been taken to prevent the spread of the scourge.

The wife of the late Captain Hall, of the polaris, is at Washington. It is believed that Secretary Robeson will recommend that Congress vote her a pension, as she is left quite poor.

A Chambersburg married colored man fired a shot gun at another colored man who had alienated the affections of his wife, and in return had the contents of four barrels of a revolver discharged at him.

A Michigan paper boasts of a dentist who can extract fourteen teeth in fifty-five seconds. We know an old lady who can take out that number of teeth in half the time, and she isn't much of a dentist either.

A young man who prided himself on his mental qualifications, once, speaking of the advantages of these, remarked, "What is better than a good education?" "Common sense, you fool, you," quickly responded one of his hearers.

A man who had his new hat exchanged for an old one, in a barber's shop, advertises that unless it is returned, he will forward to the wife of the person who took it, the letter found concealed in the lining of the old one.

Mr. Buss, the famous brewer, who pays \$140,000 a year for railway transportation, and who is a shareholder in the principal English railways, told a Parliamentary committee that he was in favor of the government buying up all the railroads in the kingdom.

A singular epidemic broke out in a Kansas town last week. Every wife in the town was suddenly attacked by an irresistible desire to present her husband with a nice little dressing case, with shaving materials complete. An attractive young woman had opened a barber shop in the village.

Two boys aged 11 and 7 years were stoning herrings in sniptait pond, Rochester. They killed two or three which lying dead on the surface of the water, an eagle swooped for them. A well-directed pebble hit the noble bird in the head, stunning him so that the boys secured and killed him. The spread of his wings was seven feet.

Miss Lizzie Merchant, of San Francisco, carries a small whalebone case concealed about her dress which she vigorously applies to the heads and faces of insolent young men. She occasionally carries three an evening.

Miss Woods was thrown from a carriage at Elderton, on Sunday a week, and had her neck broken. Mr. Woods and Miss Martin thrown out at the same time, were so badly injured that Mr. Woods subsequently died, and the young lady is not expected to live.

At Williamsport, recently, a man while suffering from typhoid fever, left his bed, and going to a neighbor's premises, jumped into a well. He remained standing in the water, which reached to his chin, for twenty minutes, when he was discovered and taken out.

The Massachusetts Legislature has passed a law against the defacement of natural scenery, which applies to the painting of advertisements upon rocks, nailing them on boards upon trees, and the general obstruction of the notices of quack medicine vendors all along the lines of railways.

Lord Chief Justice Cockburn has just made a joke. A Mrs. Jewry examined as a witness in the Tichborne case, stated that she had eleven children, whereupon his Honor observed he had always understood it took twelve to make a jury. England is still echoing the laugh which convulsed the court.

Cook St. John, of Walton, Delaware county, was 100 years old on the 1st of June. He is in good health, with mind and memory unimpaired. The centenarian has one hundred and three living descendants and thirty three dead. He has a son aged 75 years, a grandson, 51 years old, a great grand son 27 years old, and a great great grandson aged 7 years.

The Missouri editors, at their late convention, formally resolved that a man has the same right to walk into a grocery store and order a barrel of flour or a sack of coffee, or into a law office and demand a legal opinion from its occupant or into an undertaker's and request a coffin, without expecting to pay for their respective wares or services, as into a newspaper office and demand the use of its brains and muscle and type, without a thought of recompense.

E. B. Prime, of Rortsmouth, has for nearly nine years carried a bullet in his head as a memento of the battle of Fair Oaks. The bullet struck him in the left temple and lodged near the angle of the jaw, the effect being to deprive him of all use of his jaws, and compel him to subsist entirely on chopped or liquid food. All efforts to find the bullet failed until recently, when Surgeon F. E. Potter, U. S. N., succeeded in extracting the ball from its nine years' resting place, accomplishing the operation without any cutting. The entire use of the jaws will be restored.

The real object for which the mosquito was created has been discovered at last. His appropriate destiny is to furnish food for young trout. Fish breeders have been troubled to find a suitable diet for the young fry up to the age of four months, the various substances tried all having proved faulty. Now it is found that the larvae of the mosquito are just the thing. The fish eat them greedily and thrive finely on them. Two barrels of rain water left handy for the adult mosquitoes will yield larvae enough for a thousand trout. The "wigglers" are strained out from time to time, as they develop, and thrown into the fish pond.

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