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MR. SCOTT AND THE SENATORS.

At Washington city, on Thursday, Harvey W. Scott, editor of the Oregonian, and United States Senator Hoar met in an elevator at the capitol. Senator Mitchell was with Mr. Scott, and introduced the editor to the venerable senator. Mr. Scott extended his hand, but Senator Hoar declined to grasp it.

"I should tell you why I will not shake hands with you," said Mr. Hoar. "There once appeared in your paper a paragraph reflecting upon my friend, the late Senator Morrill, of Vermont. It said he was living along several years to save funeral expenses."

Mr. Scott denied knowledge of the editorial paragraph in question, but said he was responsible for all that appeared in the paper. The outcome of the meeting was that the intended acquaintance did not materialize.

Mr. Scott richly deserves the rebuke thus administered to him, although it is lamentable that so prominent an editor should be snubbed by one of the most highly respected members of the greatest law-making body in the world. For years his paper has taken advantage of every possible opening to ridicule the members of the senate. Mr. Scott has brutally attacked senatorial dignity and unmercifully berated those senators who have sought to uphold the reputation of that body. On the day following publication of the dispatch telling of Senator Hoar's direct snub the Oregonian contained a villainous arraignment of the senate. In an editorial expression called "Senator Foraker's Error," the practices of the upper house were ridiculed and belittled in every conceivable manner. Mr. Scott did not write the article, but he is responsible for its publication, for it is quite in line with his oft-expressed views.

Abuse is a poor weapon, and poorer argument, and it would seem that a life time spent in newspaper work would have taught Mr. Scott this. The calumnious utterances of the Oregonian have brought that journal into dispute with nearly all the senators, and it is not surprising that the respected Mr. Hoar declined to make the personal acquaintance of a man whose publicly expressed views had always been so bitterly unfair to our highest legislative body. Apparently Mr. Scott would malign the senators in the columns of his paper and hobnob with

them at the capitol; but in Senator Hoar he found a man who entertains some regard for the proprieties. The idea that Mr. Scott might vilify senators individually or collectively in his paper and then extend the hand of friendship to them at the capitol did not appeal to the conspicuous senator from Massachusetts, who can but be commended for his manly course in frankly telling Mr. Scott what he thought of him.

In connection with the incident of Thursday it is interesting to note that Mr. Scott has sought for many years past to "break into" the senate. Only at the last legislative session he endeavored to deprive Senator Fulton of his strength, and his "now-is-the-time" telegram is still fresh in the memory of the observant public. That he should have labored to become a member of the body whose customs are so utterly despicable in his eyes is remarkable, to say the least; but, if Mr. Scott were not the personification of inconsistency, perhaps he would not so far disregard the rules of common decency as slander the senate of the United States.

It is to be hoped Mr. Scott will, even at this time of his life, profit by the lesson of Thursday's incident.

The message of Governor Chamberlain is, as the governor promised, notable for its brevity. The executive quotes the supreme court extensively, but his own recommendations occupy comparatively little space. He deals exclusively with the tax muddle, making no reference to other important matters. Doubtless he has felt that, if he made any other recommendations, it would be but an inducement for the legislature to delve into legislation, as it might at a regular session. There is pressing need for a new general law covering the matter of fees for recording deeds, and perhaps another bill or two may be offered. If so, they should be passed without delay. The brevity of the governor's message indicates that he is anxious that the session shall be a brief one, and for his interest in the welfare of the state he is to be commended.

Charles Gibson, the Indian editor, claims that consumption was never known by the Indian until he began to live like the white man, in a house. "To cure a cold an Indian went to a mountain to camp, and hunted and ate wild meat for forty-eight hours, which is now the easiest way to cure a cold on earth. You never contract a cold in a camp. It is curious, but nevertheless true. Try it and be convinced. No one ever saw a tepee Indian with a cold or cough. Nature will cure you if you are not a coward, and will go into a camp. It is curious, but is nevertheless true. Try it and be convinced. No camp and give nature a chance."

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The story of the mutilated telegram, which was transposed from "200 levitations" to "200 live cats" reminds a correspondent of the London Globe of an

incident said to have occurred some years ago. An Italian gentleman sent to a friend in Africa for "one or two monkeys," or, as it was written in the language of Rome, "1 o 2 monkeys." By next mail he received a note saying that \$5 had been dispatched, and the remainder should follow by another boat.

Every dollar devoted to libraries advances humanity. Public libraries are the homes of those intelligence-seeking persons who have no domestic connections, besides affording the studios every facility for extending their knowledge of art, science and literature. It should be the aim of every municipality to build up its libraries, and Astoria should be no exception to the rule.

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