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THE DISGRACE OF MITCHELL.

Francis E. Shober, of New York. Writes of His Life, Trial and Conviction.

Former Congressman Francis Shober, of New York, writes as follows in the New York American with regard to the conviction of Senator Mitchell of Oregon.

The conviction of United States Senator John H. Mitchell, at Portland, Oregon, yesterday, for participation in public land frauds against the government in Oregon, adds another chapter to a career without a parallel in American politics.

A POWER AMONG MEN.

Mitchell went to Oregon forty-five years ago when he was twenty-five years old. He was agile and vigorous then in the flush of his young manhood. He is old and withered now, his limbs are feeble, his eyes are dim and the winters of age have whitened his patriarchal beard with their chilling snows.

So for almost half a century he has been the central figure of a great State, dominating its politics and controlling its offices almost as he wished.

DESERVED HIS FIRST FAMILY. Mitchell is originally from Pennsylvania, having been born in Washington county. His father's name was Hipple, John H. Hipple he was until he suddenly went West.

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Honors came to him in rapid succession as a consequence. He was elected city attorney of Portland and a year afterward was sent to the State senate.

John H. Mitchell was indicted by a federal grand jury in four separate cases. He was charged with having used his high office as senator of the United States to push claims through the land office at Washington which he knew to be frauds on the government.

CONVICTED BY OWN LETTER. The confession of this man Puter and a letter written by Mitchell to his law partner, former Judge A. H. Tanner, to testify that none of the money received for pushing through these land patents had ever been paid to the senator, but the partner, evidently with great reluctance, made open confession in court of his own and Mitchell's complicity in these fraudulent dealings.

The land frauds constitute a more gigantic swindle than all of the others which have ever been committed against the United States. For years lands belonging to the government in the far east have been systematically stolen, not by the acre, but by the thousand and millions of acres.

One man, John Miller by name, owns to day in his own right 14,539,000 acres of the richest land in California and Oregon. It is an area of more than 22,500 square miles, three times as large as the State of New Jersey.

It is believed that the conviction of John H. Mitchell will lead the way to the conviction of other men of wealth and influence, who are now under indictment on the Pacific coast, among them members of the house of representatives.

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THE MOUNTAIN ISLAND DEAL.

A Brief History of the Manner in Which This Fine Water Power Changed Hands. Now a Holding of the Southern Power Company.

As stated in a recent issue of The Observer, the Southern Power Company has acquired all the property and water rights of the Mountain Island interests and this beautiful water power is now one of the holdings of the giant corporation that was organized in New York a week or more ago.

THE EMPEROR'S SPEECH.

Delivers an Address to the Plenipotentiaries—His Abiding Wish for Peace.

Tokio, July 7.—The Emperor delivered an address yesterday to the peace plenipotentiaries as follows: "The President of the United States, being grieved to find that the war between Japan and Russia has not been brought to a close after the lapse of more than a year, and being impressed with the urgent need, in the interest of peace and humanity, of terminating the conflict, has suggested that the governments appoint plenipotentiaries and cause them to meet together to negotiate peace."

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of \$600,000 would be necessary for the complete development.

The property is valuable on account of its proximity to Charlotte and other manufacturing points. Situated as it is, between the Southern Power Company's holdings, farther down the Catawba and the magnificent development on the Yadkin, it occupies what may be termed a strategic position.

The question that presents itself at present is as to whether the development will be made at an early date or not. The probabilities are that nothing will be done until after the settlement of the pending suit with the Latta interests in September. When this suit is satisfactorily arranged, then the question of development will be considered.

ROOSEVELT ON THE NEGRO.

Approves and Applauds Statement of Southern Orator at Harvard—What a South Carolina at Harvard Says of the Incident.

During the visit of President Roosevelt to Harvard University last week occurred an incident which has not been reported in many newspapers. Five young men, about to receive their diplomas, delivered short speeches at the Harvard commencement exercises Wednesday morning.

Speaking of industrialism he mentioned the growth of lumber and cotton manufactures in this section, and concerning popular education he praised the work of Governors Montague, Aycock and other Southern statesmen. But the theme most emphasized was that of suffrage restriction. On this subject he said:

"These men, interpreters of the best spirit of the South, rejoice also in the rise of suffrage restrictions, for they believe that these restrictions are the master strokes of statesmen for the undoing of the evils of the reconstruction period. They know that the South is thus blazing out a new and even hazardous path, just as the nation is doing in the Philip pines, but they are determined that the restrictions shall not fail in the accomplishment of their purpose, and that they shall be applied to both races with identical justice. They think that the spirit which prompted the heart of America to fit the Filipino for suffrage before giving him the ballot—something which he can now neither appreciate nor use—is the same which prompted the heart of the South to eliminate the incompetent negro vote, until that vote can be fitted by education for intelligent suffrage. But whenever a black man, who has been disfranchised by these new laws, comes to possess the qualifications required for suffrage, they are decided that he shall be received into the body politic and cast his vote along with the more highly favored. In the spirit of Governor Taft in the Philippines, they have thoughtfully and fervently committed themselves to the task of unmaking not color, not aristocracy, but fitness and ability the test of Southern citizenship."

"These men, who are both interpreters and impersonations of the spirit of the South, rejoice still further in education, for they are fully and finally committed to the policy of education, that is, training of hands, mind and morals, as the one solution of the so-called race problem. They know that the negro is present in the South through no fault of his, but because of the criminal folly of our fathers. Conscious that this folly has laid on them the heaviest responsibility, they are looking upon the settlement of the negro problem as the South's share in the great service of the world. In the spirit of Governor Aycock and Governor Montague, they are practicing race superiority in deed, but not in words; in actions that bless, not in sentences that irritate."

Now any one who is at all acquainted with New England will recognize the boldness which is required to utter such sentiments on an occasion like this. But the effect was surprising. Again and again Mr. Lambeth was interrupted by rounds of applause, in which President Roosevelt was often leading. The writer was sitting within a few feet of the President, who sat next to Lieutenant Governor Guild, of Massachusetts. Next again were Secretary Taft, Justice White, and a number of other men of national importance. All these men followed the speaker with intense interest, frequently commenting among themselves on his statements.

When the speech was concluded, according to the Boston Globe, Mr. Lambeth received the greatest ovation ever tendered a Harvard commencement speaker. This was due partly to commendation of his delivery, partly to endorsement of his views, but largely to the fact

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that President Roosevelt was himself offering personal congratulations in the presence of the audience. I have the best authority for his words at this time. First he said: "That's a corker!" Again he called Mr. Lambeth to him and said, "By George, that's where I stand!" The incident attracted unusual attention, but the President's words have not to my knowledge appeared correctly in print.

RUSSIA HAS ENOUGH. Efforts to Secure Armistice. St. Petersburg, July 7.—In spite of denials from the foreign office there is excellent authority for stating that Russia is persisting in her efforts to armistice. Representations to that effect have been made direct to Japan, but Tokio thus far has vouchsafed no reply. It is said the request is made no less on account of the rebellious spirit being manifested throughout the Empire than to a desire to end the war and prevent further fighting and bloodshed in Manchuria, pending peace negotiations in Washington.

King's Mountain. Mr. J. R. McLaughlin and bride stopped over in our town yesterday on their return from Atlantic City to their home at Toccoa. Some one attempted to wreck No. 39 Tuesday night by tying an iron bar on the rail at the mouth of a cut on a sharp curve, between Duncan and Wellford. The authorities will make every effort to detect the miscreant. By a telegram received here on the 5th by Mrs. G. W. Kendrick from her cousin, Joe Austell of Greenville, we learn that their year-old baby died that evening. Mr. Austell married a Miss London of Waco. About 9 o'clock Sunday night lightning struck the stables of T. A. McGill, and while it did considerable damage to the building nothing except an old hen and a part of her chickens were killed, the others being unhurt. Conductor H. N. Moss has been laid off his run for a few days with sickness, brought on by overwork during the recent wrecks on the Southern. However, he is out again and on his regular run. Protracted meeting begins in Boyce Memorial church at 8:30 o'clock Monday evening, July 10. Preaching by Rev. J. H. Premier.

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Dr. W. H. Wakefield OF CHARLOTTE will be in Gastonia at the Falls House on Friday, July 15th, for the purpose of treating diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat and Fitting Glasses. The Doctor can be seen in his Charlotte office in the Hunt Building on every Monday and Tuesday. Also on Sunday by emergency cases.