

SOME PROMINENT CITIZENS

SENATOR GEO. C. BROWNELL.

No resident is better known to the citizens of Clackamas County than Hon. George C. Brownell. His voice has been heard in every hamlet, precinct and schoolhouse throughout the length and breadth of the entire county, and it is safe to say every man, woman and child in this community has seen and heard Senator Brownell.

He was born in Kelseville, Essex County, New York, in 1858, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar at the age of 21 years. Upon admission to his chosen profession he moved to Atchison, Kan., and entered the office of W. W. Guthrie, general attorney of the Atchison & Nebraska Railroad. He was elected Mayor of the City of Frankfort, Kan., in 1884, and re-elected in 1885. The following year he was appointed attorney for the Fitzgerald-Mellory Construction Company, which built 1000 miles of railroad through Kansas and Colorado. In 1888 he was elected attorney of Ness County,



Kansas. Mr. Brownell came to Oregon in June, 1891, locating in Oregon City. The following March the Republican convention tendered him the nomination for the State Senate, which he declined. The same convention made him its chairman and chairman of the county central committee. In 1894 he was nominated by acclamation and elected to the State Senate over Hon. W. A. Starkweather. In 1898, after one of the fiercest political fights ever waged in Clackamas County, he was again the choice of the convention by acclamation for the Legislature, and again elected, this time defeating Hon. W. S. U'Ren at the polls. In 1899 the Republican county convention indorsed him for Congress. Mr. Brownell has a wide political influence and ranks among the first lawyers and orators of the state.

GILBERT L. HEDGES.

Gilbert Lawrence Hedges was born in Canemah, Or., January 19, 1874. When 15 years of age his parents sent him to Andover, Mass., to attend Phillips Academy. He remained there for three years, completing the prescribed course of study and graduating in 1892. In the Fall of this year he entered Yale University and four years later was graduated from that institution, receiving his B. A. degree in June, 1896. Desiring to prepare for the practice of law, he decided

to enter the law department of the university. Completing the law course in two years, Mr. Hedges returned to Oregon. For a time he was with Hedges & Griffith, a well-known law firm of Oregon City, and afterwards opened offices of his own in the Weinhard block, Oregon City, Or. The clean



and bright career of young Hedges has forced him to the front, both legally and politically. In April, 1900, he was made the choice of the Union party to represent Clackamas County at the State Capital, and the following June he was elected with a handsome majority, being the only successful candidate of his party for the Legislature. During the last Legislative session he championed several worthy measures, one of which was the reduction of railway fare from four to three cents per mile. He is building up a splendid law practice and the future holds much in store for him.

HON. A. S. DRESSER.

A. S. Dresser was born in 1858 at Blue Hill, Me., and received his education in the



schools of that state. He began his career as clerk in a large general merchandise store

and later took up the vocation of school teaching, constantly increasing his education by his own efforts and industry, and later began the study of law in the office of B. T. Sowl, one of the leading lawyers of Hancock County, Maine, and was admitted to the bar in 1885. While practicing at Ellsworth, Me., in the same year, he gained his first fame as attorney in the successful defense of a person accused of arson of a dwelling house in the night time, the penalty in that state being imprisonment for life. Mr. Dresser came to Oregon in 1885, and kept books for a large lumber firm at Rainier. In June, 1888, he moved to Oregon City and formed a law partnership with Hon. T. A. McBride, which continued until the latter was elected Circuit Court Judge, when he became a law partner of Hon. George C. Brownell, which partnership continued three years, since which time he has conducted an office alone. Mr. Dresser is a life-long Republican, and in June, 1900, was elected by that party as Joint Representative of Multnomah and Clackamas Counties, in which position he served his constituents with honor to them and himself. He is an able lawyer and a man of strict integrity and possesses a splendid character that can be universally vouched for.

JOHN R. SHAVER.

Was born in Marion County, five miles above Silverton, December 14, 1854. His father was a pioneer of 1851. He moved to Portland, when 5 years of age and lived there until 1880, when he came to Molalla,



his present place of residence. Mr. Shaver was in the livery stable business in Portland for three years and was elected Assessor of East Portland for two years. He was road supervisor of his precinct for three years, school director for over three terms and constable for two terms. He is one of the most prominent stockraisers and stock buyers of Clackamas County. A picture of some of his Hereford stock, which he exhibited at the State Fair, appears elsewhere in this publication. Three of the cows shown came from England. He has 25 head of full-bloods, most of them registered.