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BROWNELL INVITES IT.

When a man is lying in jail awaiting trial upon a criminal indictment when, more fortunately for him, he happens to have sufficient financial backing to furnish bail and to secure his liberty pending trial, it seems appropriate for public judgment as to his guilt or innocence to remain suspended until a jury had declared for or against the man. The Courier, up to the present time, has assumed such an attitude toward Mr. Brownell. It has carefully avoided discussion of his complicity in the land frauds that have proved the Waterloo of a number of the senator's boon companions.

Mr. Brownell now forces the issue and if silence on the subject be continued he will not hesitate to claim that such silence is a recognition of his innocence of the crime his indictment charges, and on which he is to be tried during the coming spring.

No man has a right to say, at this time, that Mr. Brownell is guilty of the crime with which he is charged. A United States grand jury listened to the evidence, however, and returned the indictment. W. H. H. Wade, of Clackamas county, was foreman of that jury.

The substance of the charge is that Mr. Brownell certified, as a notary public, that certain persons appeared before him and made affidavits regarding certain government surveys, when in reality these persons did not appear before him or make the affidavits but their signatures were forged to the pretended affidavits. That Mr. Brownell, in order to save himself, induced these persons to go before the grand jury and commit perjury.

Francis J. Heney caught these fellows in the job—they "squealed," Mr. Brownell was arrested and is now out on bail awaiting his trial.

Mr. Brownell need not have dragged this disgusting matter before the Clackamas county public, as he did at Milwaukie. He need not have vilified the newspapers and maligned those connected with them. The papers on this subject have been most considerate—they gave the news feature of the episode and let it go at that.

But who could conceive of such effrontery as this man has exhibited. In his present predicament he asks for office and position of trust—he asks for the highest honor in the gift of the people of Clackamas county. Honor for such men? Did we not have three of such out of Oregon's representation at Washington permanently "laid on the shelf"? Is Clackamas county so short of material that she must send to the state senate a man who may or may not be able to serve the county, all dependent on the outcome of a criminal prosecution? If the thing has come to this pass, let us bid farewell to a "government of the people, by the people, and for the people," and commit ourselves to the tender (3) care of a government of the dollar, by the dollar, and for the dollar.

PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE NOW.

Right now the direct primary law is being put to a severe test. There are very good men seeking nomination for office under it. There are others seeking nomination under it who are no more fit for public office than a half-civilized hog. Will the people take the trouble to properly exercise the power placed in their hands? Will they act intelligently with proper discrimination? Will they permit themselves to be fooled by the puffing and blowing of big-mouthed charlatans? If we answer yes, the primary law is doomed.

A most vigorous campaign is necessary to secure a contested nomination under the law. In the primary contest so many discordant elements are set in motion that election of the nominee may and often will depend on spirited and energetic campaigning. Let it once be demonstrated that underserving men can win in such a contest and thereafter you will see few men fit for office entering the struggle. The people will either show from the start that the new system means good men for office or else the law is bound to lead to the other extreme and the scum and dregs of our population will fight like cats and dogs for the spoils of office while decent citizenship stands aloof and looks on.

This is a serious matter. Many do not comprehend how much is involved. We are substituting, in a measure, direct for delegated power. We are getting a little farther away from Alexander Hamilton's idea of government and approaching that of Thomas Jefferson.

Should the issue prove disappoint-

ing, should it appear that the people are not yet prepared for this departure, such a showing would be a stunning blow to many theories and proposed reforms. This hour calls for earnest, honest citizenship. The "graft" system has been carried entirely too far. Clackamas county is not so large but that her voters can pick out the fellows who are or hope to be, political highwaymen. Suppose we do it. We wanted the direct primary. Let us now make it a success.

WHY DON'T THEY SEE IT.

At one time lemons in Southern California were selling for 35 cents to 50 cents per box. At the same time they sold in Portland for \$4 per box. The price in Southern California went up 25 cents, and the price in Portland went up two dollars. What caused this enormous difference in price? Why, railroad greed, of course. The result was, the lemon growers pulled up their trees and the industry was ruined in Southern California.

At one time, for reasons best known to themselves, the railroad companies hauled potatoes from Colorado to San Francisco for \$2 per ton less than they hauled them from Oregon to San Francisco. The haul from Colorado was more difficult. What was the result? Oregon potatoes were shut out of the California market and we fed them to the hogs here at home.

Here in Oregon we had started a promising industry in the growing of prunes. Prices were good. Prices in the East have ever since been good. Why did the prune-growers pull up their trees? Because the railroads made their freight rate just about such an amount as, added to the cost of producing prunes, would equal the Eastern price.

Now, some of our able men, among them President Roosevelt, are trying to get a law creating a commission with power to put an end to this sort of thing—with power to regulate rates. There are so many railroad senators and congressmen in Washington that the rate bill is having a hard time of it.

The railroads will probably kill the bill or render it ineffectual by amending it.

While Oregon is comparatively a small state she is a power in Washington or would be if she had representation there. Oregon has as many votes in the United States Senate as the state of New York.

Isn't it strange that the average citizen fails to understand how important to him is the selection of proper congressmen and United States Senators? The rate bill pending in congress affects the prosperity of every farmer in Clackamas county. Transportation companies in these days practically determine the profit the farmer is to have for the product of his toil. By a word they have the power to destroy any industry in Oregon.

The railroads do not buy United States Senators and Congressmen as a rule. It is cheaper to furnish money to their agents and hirelings in order that they may find a place in the state legislature. In the state legislature the Senators are made. They are made largely by railroad agents and they are made out of material satisfactory to the railroads. These same fellows who make the railroad Senators usually have the situation well enough in hand to get railroad Congressmen also. But this doesn't matter so much, for everything has to pass the senate before it hits the railroads.

Why do people consent to be huddled together like sheep by this cunning railroad influence. The people in Clackamas county know who the railroad hirelings are. How long will they continue to be fooled and galled and duped. Are they as a bird stupefied and helpless under the charm of the snake? We shall see in a month or so.

THIS IS TOO MUCH.

Governor Chamberlain would receive the requisite number of Republican votes in June had it not been for the exercise of his gubernatorial prerogative in the appointment of a Democratic United States Senator from really Republican Oregon. Gearin is a good man for a Democrat, but his politics and that appointment have set Republicans of Oregon to thinking that United States Senators are not exempt from death.—Woodburn Independent.

And we citizens of Oregon could hold our heads higher if we had more Chamberlains and Gearins and fewer Hermanns and Williamsons.

THAT ALIBI.

"Ignorance of the law excuses no one," is a common saying. Modify it a little by saying, "Ignorance of the law excuses no one—except the lawyer."

Mr. Brownell says the Senate Journal shows that he was in Salem January 10, 1905, the date alleged in the indictment. Of course, he is very honest with his audience in leading it to believe that if an indictment fails to state the exact date of the commission of a crime, it is defective. Or is

this the ignorance of the law permissible in a lawyer.

Anyone may easily be mistaken in a date. This alibi may work for campaign purposes—it will have short shrift before Judge Wolverton.

By the way, does the Senate Journal show where Mr. Brownell was when the train from Salem rolled into Oregon City the evening of January 10, 1905?

Facts Must Be Followed.

For the last few years Oregon has been practically down and out at Washington because of the exposures made of her representatives at the national capital, and it is a fact that must be swallowed that from this Republican state the only man there without the smell of fire upon his garments is a Democrat. The burden of proof rests upon the Republicans and the coming elections will render the verdict. If men are sent to either house of congress toward whom the finger of suspicion may be pointed, it will be time to call for Lincoln Steffens to come West and write a magazine article on "The Shame of Oregon." But there is no need of such a catastrophe. In the First district there are two men of ability and integrity out for the nomination for congress, either of whom would do Oregon credit. Distinguished men above reproach are also available for the Senate. If the voters of the state should turn from these and choose from the husks of the Republican party, Oregon doesn't deserve any better treatment than she has been receiving. She will not be entitled to recognition. For her there can be no "square deal."—Newberg Graphic.

MISFITS.

After the publication of Secretary Wilson's blacklist, the seeds men of the country most rate him as the Colonel Mann of the government service.

Senator Patterson says that not only has he not resigned from the Democratic party, but that there will be a rough house if the Democratic party attempts to resign from him.

According to the press dispatches, France and Germany have now reached "absolutely irreconcilable" stage that usually precedes an international agreement.

Tom Lawson is the frankest man on record. He says he has fixed it so that the "System" can't break him no matter what it does to his supporters.

If President Castro wants real wealth, he ought to disclose his system to a lot of these banks that are failing merely because they do not have the money.

F. Augustus Heinze has sold out his copper mines and will now devote himself strictly to the business of becoming a United States Senator.

Dr. Wiley says he is much afraid of the insertion of "the codfish clause" in the Pure Food Bill. Wonder if he did not mean lobster?

LOW RATE FROM EAST.

Colonists Tickets May Be Procured From Local S. P. Office.

Colonists' tickets will be sold from the East to points on the Oregon lines for the Southern Pacific Co. via Portland, commencing February 15, and continuing daily to and including April 7 and from September 15 until October 31. The rates from Chicago, \$25; Bloomington, Ill., \$31.80; St. Louis, \$30; Omaha, \$25; Kansas City, \$25; Council Bluffs, \$25; St. Joseph, \$25; Sioux City, \$25; Denver, \$25. Corresponding rates will be made from other points and will apply to all points on Oregon lines. For further information, inquire at any Southern Pacific ticket office. People wishing to pay fare for any Eastern person to Oregon may deposit the required amount with the local Southern Pacific agent and the company will do the rest.

No Collar on Mr. Jaggard. "I wish to state to the Republican voters of Clackamas County that I am not wearing a 'Brownell collar' nor am I wearing a 'Porter collar,' neither am I wearing nor will I wear the collar of any other man or clique," said ex-Representative Frank Jaggard.

"I make this statement," stated Mr. Jaggard, who is a candidate on the Republican ticket to succeed himself as Representative from this county, "in refutation of the charges that are being made by my opponents who assert that I am controlled by Brownell. I defy any one to show an instance during the last session of the state legislature, of which I was a member, in which my vote was influenced by Senator Brownell or any other consideration than the best interests of my constituency."

Always Keeps Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in His House.

"We would not be without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is kept on hand continually in our home," says W. W. Kearney, editor of the Independent, Lowry City, Mo. That is just what every family should do. When kept at hand ready for instant use, a cold may be checked at the outset and cured in much less time than after it has become settled in the system. This remedy is also without a peer for croup in children, and will prevent the attack when given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, which can only be done when the remedy is kept at hand. For sale by Huntley Bros. Co., Oregon City and Molalla.

TWO BEAUTIFUL WOMEN WHO ESCAPED SPRING CATARRH BY TAKING PE-RU-NA.

Spring Fever is Spring Catarrh—Nothing Robs One of Strength Like Spring Catarrh.



MISS ESTELLE CAMPBELL.

Miss Estelle Campbell, 140 N. High street, Nashville, Tenn., writes:

"Peruna helped me when almost everything else failed. I was rundown from overwork, as I had not been able to take a vacation for three years and naturally my nerves were all unstrung and I was greatly in need of rest and a tonic.

"I went away for two months, but did not seem to get my strength back, although I was taking a prescription which the doctor gave me before I went away.

"At the request of my relatives, with whom I was visiting, I began to use Peruna, and you cannot realize how glad I was when within a week I found I was feeling so much better. Inside of a month I was feeling splendidly, ready and able to take up my work again."—Estelle Campbell.

A Spring Tonic.

Almost everybody needs a tonic in the spring. Something to brace the nerves, invigorate the brain, and cleanse the blood. That Peruna will do this is beyond all question.

We have on file thousands of letters which testify to the curative and preventive value of Peruna in cases of nervous depression and run down conditions of the system. We quote a typical case:

Mr. Frank Williams, 835 84th street, New York City, member First Presbyterian Church and Captain Capitol Golf Club, writes:

"Last spring I suffered with malaria

and a run down condition which seemed very difficult to overcome.

"I tried several different tonics but did not seem to get much better until I began using Peruna. My recovery was slow, but I was improving and I was glad to continue using it.

"At the end of two months my health was restored and I looked and felt much better than I had for years. Your remedy is well worthy of a recommendation and I am pleased to give it mine."—Frank Williams.

Peruna never fails to prevent spring catarrh or nervous prostration, if taken in time.

Pe-ru-na is the Finest Tonic For a Weary Woman.

Miss B. Inez Silveira, 189 W. 136th street, New York City, Grand Recorder Daughters of American Independence, writes: "Nine years of work, without a vacation, wore out my nervous system. I lost my appetite and felt weak and exhausted nearly all the time. 'Peruna restored me to perfect health in five weeks. It is the finest tonic for a weary woman that I know of. I gladly endorse it.'"—B. Inez Silveira.

Peruna is the most prompt and permanent cure for all cases of nervous prostration caused by systemic catarrh known to the medical profession.



MISS B. INEZ SILVEIRA.

Pe-ru-na Contains No Narcotics.

One reason why Peruna has found permanent use in so many homes is that it contains no narcotic of any kind. Peruna is perfectly harmless. It can be used any length of time without acquiring a drug habit. Peruna does not produce temporary results. It is permanent in its effect.

It has no bad effect upon the system, and gradually eliminates catarrh by removing the cause of catarrh. There are a multitude of homes where Peruna has been used off and on for twenty years. Such a thing could not be possible if Peruna contained any drugs of a narcotic nature. All correspondence held strictly confidential.

Makes Clothes Waterproof.

William J. Schneider, a recent arrival from Bavaria, has compounded a preparation for the treatment of clothing of all kinds, and by his process all wearing apparel is made waterproof. He will make application for patent and says that the finest fabrics, as well as coarse material, may be treated with satisfactory results, without discoloring or in any way damaging the material. After being treated the garments may be worn all day in the exposure of a continuous drenching rain, without being dampened. One treatment will last the entire life of the garment.

A Lively Tussle.

With that old enemy of the race, constipation, often ends in appendicitis. To avoid all serious trouble with stomach, liver and bowels, take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They perfectly regulate these organs, without pain or discomfort. 25c at Howell & Jones', Druggists.



Walter S. Moss. Walter S. Moss died Wednesday at Salt Lake City, Utah, from organic complications, in the Holy Cross hospital, aged 55 years. He was well known in Oregon City, where he was born and resided here for many years, and was the son of the late S. W. Moss, and a brother of Mrs. Theodore W. Clark. Many years ago he was prominent in Portland theatrical circles and started the Casino and other theatres. In Salt Lake City he was manager of the Lyric, which is controlled by the John Cort Circuit.

Letter List.

The following letters remained uncalled for in the postoffice at Oregon City, Or., for the week ending March 7, 1906.

WOMEN'S LIST.

Smith, Miss Edna; Warner, Miss Blanche

MEN'S LIST.

Baker, Allen; Collings, Thos.; Gardner, Rev. P. D.; Gallaud, T. H.; George, Paulander; Keyser, Leslie; Kusianovic, Fronimir; Millard, Ira C.; Murask, L.; Peters, R. D.; Pfister, Joe; Roberts, Chas.; Sinclair, Robt. E.; Wire, Rev. M. C. TOM P. RANDALL, P. M.

New Car Shops.

Preliminary work has been started on the erection of shops and car barns for the O. W. P. Company on the grounds south of East Clay street, where the powerhouse is located. When completed the cars that have been repaired and housed at Milwaukie ever since the Oregon City line was built will be housed in the new terminal grounds. Milwaukie is found too far from the city for housing and repairing cars. There are 70 cars to be provided quarters for.

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Campaign For Grange Measures.

The executive committee—B. G. Leedy, A. T. Buxton and J. E. Spence—and the state lecturer, are preparing to make an active campaign to carry the two Grange tax bills at the June election. It is the intention to make an active public campaign in May, but meanwhile every effort will be put forth to interest and arouse the members of the farmers' order. This will be the preliminary campaign of education among the members, and will be carried on mainly in the Grange halls. The executive committee has issued a letter to the Patrons of this state, congratulating the order on its success in securing enough signatures to get a vote on its tax bills in June.

Celebrates 70th Anniversary.

One of the most pleasant surprises of the season was that tendered Monday evening to J. Irvin, Sr., of Gardfield, congratulatory of his 70th birthday. His has been a useful and helpful career, and being hale and hearty, he bids fair to longer continue his usefulness and see many more anniversaries. After several hours of social conversation and music, an appetizing supper was disposed of. The following neighbors and friends were present to congratulate the recipient of the surprise: Mr. and Mrs. G. Krigbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davis, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. C. Krigbaum, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Outfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Looney, Misses Iva Dale and Grace Davis, and J. E. Stubbs.—Estacada News.

"Suffered day and night the torment of it-ting piles. Nothing helped me until I used Doan's Ointment. It cured me permanently."—Hon. John R. Garrett, Mayor, Girard, A'a.

We Can Sell It. If there is any sell to it. List your FARM. Where the buyers come and don't wait for summer. DO IT NOW. C. N. PLOWMAN & CO. OVER BANK OF OREGON CITY.