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## WM. S. U'REN OUT OF RACE

ADVOCATE OF MANY REFORMS  
WILL FIND WORK IN  
OREGON.

### NO CHANCE FOR SENATOR

Statement Number One Not Yet Out  
of the Woods—Question Not Who  
Shall be Senator But Who Shall  
Select Senator.

W. S. U'ren has dispelled the Senatorial bee that for some days has buzzed persistently in his bonnet and the Senatorial situation has become a trifle more simplified thereby. But the Clackamas County statesman has not taken the high ground that he never wanted the job. He in fact admits a weakness for such an occupation but like many another politician, he is not just certain what the electors would think about the matter. And then it is to be remembered that Mr. U'ren, though he himself is not authority for the assertion, runs a good sized legislature of his own. And it is safe to say that this institution will require no small part of his time during the present year.

Mr. U'ren says that he will have no favorites in the Senatorial game, but



J. J. COOKE, chairman of Democratic Central Committee.

he is willing that it be understood that he will have none of the man who gets on the fence when the discussion turns to "Statement Number One." This will undoubtedly disqualify Senator Fulton, and it is generally understood that Mr. U'ren has marked the Astorian off his list.

When asked if he would be a candidate for the office of United States

Senator, he said:  
Would Like to Have the Office.

"No, though I would like very much to have the office, because of the opportunities it offers for work in extending the initiative and referendum to National lawmaking. It is impossible to realize the dreams of equal rights in our declaration of Independence until special privilege is abolished; particularly, special privilege in land; special privilege in money; special privilege in transportation; special privilege in taxation by the tariff and other methods.

"The politicians cannot abolish special privileges, but when the people of the United States have power to make laws and amend the Constitution without the consent of Congress or the Supreme Court, and at the same time neither Congress nor the Supreme Court can make or break laws in opposition to the people's will, they will destroy more special privilege in ten years than all the political parties, politicians and office-holders have been able to cut off since the Mayflower landed at Plymouth Rock.

### Working for Statement No. 1.

"But for this campaign it seems very clear to me and to my friends and counselors that my duty is to work for the nomination and election to the Legislature of candidates who pledge themselves without reserve to obey the instructions the people give at the June election; also I want to advocate the measures proposed by the People's Power League."

"Are you going to take an active part in the coming campaign?" Mr. U'ren was asked.

"Yes, as active as I am able to. I want to help to show the voters of Oregon that they may safely trust themselves with power. American history proves this, and proves just as clearly that they cannot safely trust any candidate who is willing to put his own judgment and power, or the judgment and power of his political party, above the will of the people on any question, from the election of a precinct constable to the choice of a United States Senator.

### More Power to the People.

"Fifty years ago the Democrats sought to put their party above the people, and I believe there is a lesson for us in Oregon, as Republicans, in the history of the Democratic party since that time. My faith is strong that the Republicans of Oregon will nominate candidates who are willing to trust the people and obey their instructions. With such men on our ticket, the people will trust the Republicans this year as they have for many years past.

When asked if he would support Mr. U'ren for the nomination for United States Senator, Mr. U'ren said:

"I do not expect to make any special effort for the nomination of any candidate for the United States Senate. My friends generally believe we can do more effective work for Statement No. 1 without being closely identified with any candidate for the Senate. Our work will be principally for preserving and increasing the power of the people. The all-important question is not who shall be Senator, but who shall select the Senator, the people or the politicians."

## MELDRUM TELLS OF FORGERY

CONFESSION RECALLS THE CON-  
TRADICTORY STORIES OF  
HOWLAND AND SIEVERS.

### SIGNED BROWNEEL'S NAME

Letters Introduced in John Hall Trial  
Recall Interesting Chapters of  
Political History.

Prosecutor F. J. Heney closed on case of the government against ex-U. S. District Attorney John Hall, and Judge Webster, Hall's attorney, now knows the evidence he will have to overcome in order that his client may walk forth a free man. A startling development came toward the end of the prosecution's case, when former Surveyor-General Henry Meldrum was placed on the stand to testify that he had not ex-Senator Brownell, has forged Brownell's name to the field notes out of which had grown the Brownell indictment.

### Meldrum Confesses.

Meldrum has admitted to Heney that he forged the name of Brownell to field notes, and it was on these field notes that Brownell was indicted. Brownell testified that Hall told the forged field notes over his head to force Brownell to retire as a candidate for United States District Attorney and release Senators Mitchell and Fulton from their pledge to him and recommend Hall for reappointment to the position. Heney's purpose in having Meldrum confess to the forgeries is two-fold; it will dispose of the case against Brownell and will also tend to prove that Brownell's testimony was not secured through an immunity bath. In other words, Heney will be killing two birds with one stone and dispose of the Brownell case while trying an entirely different one.

How Meldrum's confession connects Hall with the conspiracy to fence Government land in Eastern Oregon is not apparent, but it will have the effect of wiping a stain off Brownell's character and enable him to re-enter the political game. The defense, however, opposed the introduction of Meldrum's testimony on the ground that he was serving time and whether or not Meldrum should be permitted to testify went over until the afternoon session and was finally ruled out.

### Brownell Tells His Story.

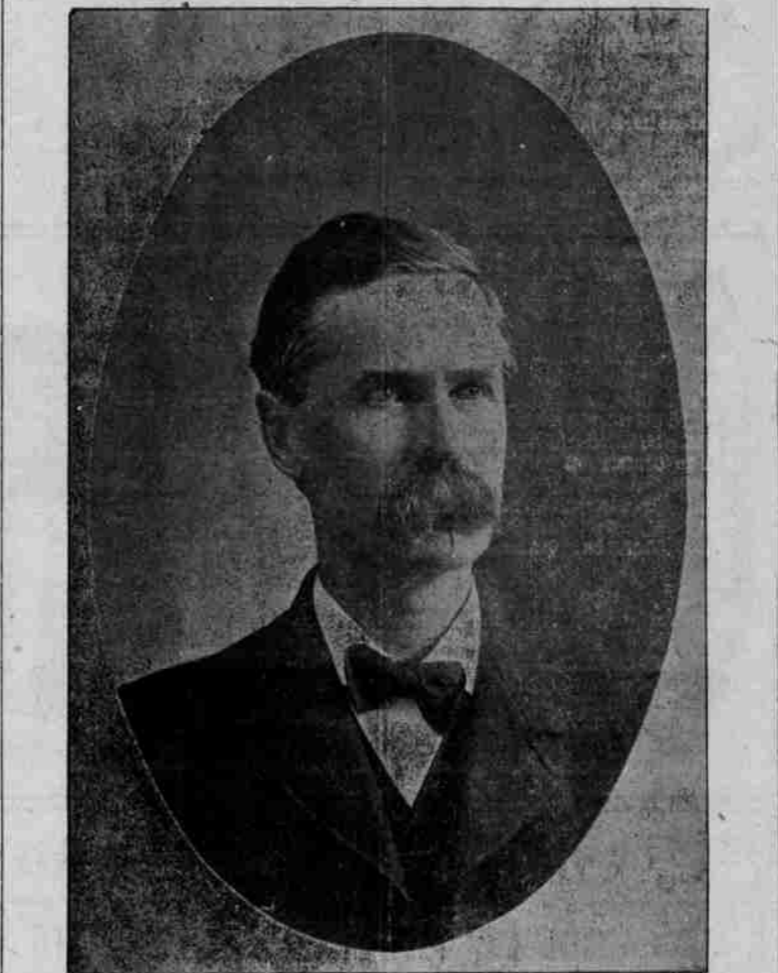
Political oracles, sage sayings, comments on the office-seeking game and wire-pulling generally were shoveled out to the public by former State Senator George C. Brownell, in the Hall-Mays case. For many years Brownell has played a prominent part in the political history of the state, and his testimony on the stand was in the nature of a political confession. In a way the Brownell story should be a horrible example to those who enter politics with the expectation of reward, for Brownell, despite his politi-

cal prominence, declared he is a poor man, had never been compensated for his efforts in the game and he learned that political promises were worthless.

"Of course, things may be different now that we are all civic virtue heroes and reformers," said Brownell, "but in the old game very little reliance could be placed on political promises."

Brownell said that Senator Fulton promised to make him United States District Attorney during the session of 1903, when Brownell was President of the Senate. Hall, Brownell and Fulton discussed the proposition and it was agreed that Hall should remain until the end of June, 1903, and that Brownell should take office July 1. In the meantime, Brownell had a secret promise from Senator Mitchell that he should have the place, so, apparently, Brownell had a cinch on the job. Before this pledge could be kept, however, Hall showed field notes from the Surveyor-General's office to which Brownell's name was attached, illegally, and Hall said Greene wanted to prosecute Brownell. Hall promised to do what he could to protect Brownell and suggested that the fact that Greene knew of these field notes would be sufficient to prevent Brownell being appointed. After a discussion Brownell wrote to Fulton relinquishing his claim on the District Attorneyship, and recommending Hall.

On the stand Brownell, however, swore that the signatures were forged.



W. S. U'REN, who has announced that he is out of race for United States Senate.

les, that he had not signed them and has since discovered that the Brownell name was put on the notes as acknowledgment by Henry Meldrum, Surveyor-General at the time.

After Hall informed Brownell of the situation and the prospective indictment, the Clackamas County boss concluded to withdraw as Hall's rival "and run for Congress or something else that was loose and that I could get easy." During the conversation Brownell said that, while Hall did not stand him up and threaten prosecution, Hall intimated that it would be better for Brownell to stand in and help him get the appointment, saying that Mitchell and F. P. Mays needed Hall in office more than did Brownell.

Hall heard that J. U. Campbell was being pushed for the District Attorney position, and as Campbell was Brownell's partner, Hall insisted that Brownell fix it with Campbell, and later, accompanied by George Sorenson, Hall went to Oregon City to meet Brownell and demand a showdown. Hall demanded a letter from Brownell to Mitchell relinquishing his ambition and recommending Hall. Being a ready letter writer, Brownell did as requested, taking the high ground that he (Brownell) would better drop out and let Hall have the place, "the usual nice, gentle talk one gives in a letter of that kind," explained Brownell blandly to the court.

A few weeks later, while Hall had gone to Washington, Brownell received a letter from Hall, saying, "Wire Fulton for my appointment," and Brownell complied. This telegram was given over to Fulton, together with other correspondence which had passed between Fulton and Brownell. The witness said the letters were not especially incriminating, but of a political nature. Fulton wanted these letters at the time that Mr. Robb was in Portland to see about candidates for Federal Judge. There was a good deal of investigating being done at that time.

Some months after Hall had been dismissed from the office at the request of F. J. Heney, he prepared an affidavit purporting to be the facts with regard to himself, Brownell and the appointment, and wanted Brownell to sign it. This Brownell refused to do. Hall desired the affidavit to be used with the President as a vindication and for reinstatement.

Although he had a promise from the delegation for the District Attorneyship, Brownell did not sit idly by waiting for the plum to get ripe. This was in February and two months later a Congressman was to be nominated to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Thomas H. Tongue. So, Brownell, at the end of the legislature, returned to Clackamas County, organized a delegation for himself, and went to Eugene as a candidate for the nomination, providing lighting should strike. Brownell became chairman of the convention and nominated Hinger Hermann.

"I have always been a candidate," said the politician, "and on this theory: For 14 years I was engaged in

## HOSTS GATHER FOR BATTLE

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BRAVES  
MET SATURDAY TO PLAN  
CAMPAIGN.

### DEMOCRATS LINING UP

Clackamas County Central Committee  
Adjourns to Feb. 8—Will Discuss  
Plans for Biennial Banquet and  
Method of Procedure.

Many prominent Clackamas County Democrats gathered last Saturday in the office of O. D. Eby. The political pot is beginning to boil. Things look good to the Disciples of Jefferson, for all signs point to the triumphant entry of William Jennings Bryan within the gates of Washington. Were there any doubt on this question before, the confident manner and expression of those present dispelled the last glimmering ray of anxiety. It was even ventured by one over-sanguine brother that Bryan had nearly as much of a cinch

as to the more advisable manner of choosing delegates to the Portland State Convention, and this matter will be determined upon by the committee later; probably this question will be settled on the 8th of February, to which date the committee adjourned.

A fair and popular method of selecting the delegates to the State Convention will certainly be decided on, and a suggestion offered at Saturday's meeting will be adopted. This is to make of the banquet, which will be held late in February or early in March, not only a get-together meeting, but a sort of convention to the extent of passing on suitable State Convention delegates. This would certainly be a most Democratic plan, for the banquet will be open to all members of the party.

The matter of candidates was not discussed, except in the general sense that it would be up to the organization to get capable men in the field. While the selection of the candidates will be made in the primary, efficient, strong men will be asked to go before the people as candidates for nomination. This urging will be in a general way, of course, and no particular man will be asked to set his cap for any particular office. Up to the present time there are no openly announced candidates, except Bob Beatie, for Sheriff. Others are known to be canvassing the situation, endeavoring to learn how the people would take their candidacy for a county job.

### SPEAKER CANNON CENSURED.

Shackleford (Mo.) Pays His Respects to the "Czar of the House" in a Stinging Rebuke.

An attack on the power of the Speaker was made in the House of Representatives last week by Mr. Shackleford, of Missouri, during the consideration of the urgent deficiency appropriation bill. He said Speaker Cannon was the "ablest, boldest champion of autocracy this age had produced," and declared that the Speaker "exercised a greater despotism than exists in any monarchy in Europe."

Speaker Cannon, at this juncture, entered the chamber, and amid applause took a seat in front of Mr. Shackleford, who asserted that before any bill could pass "you must bend your noble bodies forward in proper pose, fold your hands, and say, 'Oh Lord, Uncle Joe, thy will be done and not mine.'"

He challenged Speaker Cannon to rise in his place, not as Speaker, but a member of the Illinois delegation, and tell us how and when it was he shouldered the responsibility for the legislation that was to be here enacted by simply becoming moderator of this deliberative assembly.

### FINE SUBURBAN HOME.

A. C. Beaulieu to Erect a Handsome Residence Overlooking the Clackamas River.

A. C. Beaulieu last week purchased from Portland parties the land adjoining the Hayes property overlooking the Clackamas River. The property consists of 12 acres, and is an ideal place for a residence and farm. The price paid for the property was \$2800. Mr. Beaulieu is having the lumber hauled for a temporary residence and in the spring a handsome residence will be built. The house is to have nine rooms and all of the modern conveniences. Mr. Beaulieu will go into the poultry and fruit business. There are already many choice fruit trees on the place, and he will soon have many more planted. The soil of this place is well adapted to gardening and fruit raising. Mr. Beaulieu will rent his place on Fourth and Adams Streets, where he is now residing, and intends moving to his place near Gladstone in a few weeks.

### ELWELL GETS BULLET IN LEG.

Woodburn Marshal, After Being Choked, Empties His Revolver at the Fleeing Assailant.

Charles Elwell was shot and wounded by Marshal Riddle in Woodburn last Friday, the bullet hitting the leg near the thigh and breaking the bone. The officer had a warrant for Elwell, who was wanted for assaulting a man named Jordan, last month.

The Marshal entered a saloon to serve the warrant, when Elwell ran out back into the alley. When the officer got through the rear door, Elwell attacked and began choking Riddle. Riddle used his billy and broke his assailant's hold. Elwell then ran down the alley and the Marshal fired six shots at him, one of the missiles taking effect and bringing down his man. The wound is serious, but is thought not to be of a fatal nature. It is understood that Elwell is wanted in other places.

### Superintendent T. J. Gary Visits the Schools.

County Superintendent T. J. Gary returned Friday evening from a four days' visit to the schools in the south end of the county, and reports that excellent work is being done in the country schools, and feels greatly encouraged by the work that is being accomplished by the teachers. The schools visited by Mr. Gary were at Carus, Eldorado, Liberal, Molalla, Teasel Creek, Willhoit, Marquam, Oak Lawn, Yoder, Marks Prairie, No. 91 and Lone Elder. While Mr. Gary was on this trip he found that at every place the young people are very enthusiastic over the juvenile work that is being promoted by Mr. Gary for the county fair next fall, and the young folks are already making preparations to have exhibits at the county fair, and are going to try hard to excel their elders in the exhibits.

### Hawley Coming to Register.

News has been received at Salem that Congressman W. C. Hawley will return to Oregon about February 12 for the purpose of registering, as required by the registration law. He will be here two or three days and will then return to Washington.

## OGLE MOUNTAIN MINES SEIZED

CLACKAMAS COUNTY MINING DISTRICT IN A GREAT TURMOIL.

### BOLD MOVE FRUSTRATED

Schemers are Attempting to Gain Possession of Valuable Mineral Lands By Means of State and Government Land Laws.

A terrific storm has broken over the quiet camps of the Ogle Mountain mining district. Five years patient, hopeful miningmen have been developing the mineral resources of the section. The yellow streaked ore brought from time to time looked better and mining men in Oregon City and Portland, as well as experts from the East, began to pass very favorable comment on the mining region in Southern Clackamas County. Within the last year the Fairclough Brothers, who are largely interested in the mines, on their trips to the city have brought out with its glittering prospects, not actual heavy gold bricks.

The hopeful future for the mining district has become pretty generally known and has excited the avarice of those who would obtain great wealth without the attendant trials and privations that the pioneer miner expects to contend with.

About three weeks ago the atten-



GEO. C. BROWNELL, who related startling chapters in Oregon's political history in the Hall trial.

tion of Attorney Eby was called to a printed notice in a local newspaper, under which an application was made to select 240 acres in the south half of section 9, township 8, south of range 4 east, as state school land. It is customary to obtain land in this manner by making an application to the State Land Board, which in turn notifies the United States Land Office of the selection. In the event of the selection being allowed, the state sells to the original applicant. Mr. Eby communicated this intelligence to the officers of the company without delay, and, acting under instructions from them, proceeded to file with the State Land Board a protest against the selection on the ground that the land sought is purely mineral. He went to Salem and filed maps of the district surveys and upon a hearing the State Land Board decided to disallow the selection.

Attorney J. W. Draper, who appeared for the applicant, did not rest here, but placed a filing for a timber claim on the north half of the south half of the section. The Ogle Mountain Mining Company has spent about \$40,000 in developing its properties, and of course intends to fight any endeavor that may be made to rest the property from them. While the land is more valuable for its timber and stone than for agricultural purposes, as provided in the timber land act, it is essentially mineral land, having heavy veins and lodes of gold, silver and other precious metals. Timber fillings have already been made on the entire north half of section 9, and these have been passed to patent, but it is understood that a fight will be made in the courts to bring about a revocation of these patents, on the ground that the property is mineral land.

According to Attorney Eby's opinion the gist of the whole contest will now be the question as to whether or not the region is more valuable as mineral than as timber land. As its richness in mineral resources has already been proven there can be little more to the agitation than the trouble and inconvenience the miners will be put to in establishing the true nature of the lands.

### WILLAMETTE RALLY NIGHT.

William A. Aldredge, Rev. R. C. Blackwell, Mrs. Eva Emery Dye and B. Lee Paget Make Rousing Addresses.

There was a large attendance at the Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday evening, the occasion being "Willamette Rally Night." A special musical programme, under the leadership of William Aldredge, had been prepared, and enjoyed by the large congregation, as well as the address by Rev. R. C. Blackwell, who opened his exercises with a splendid talk, and was followed by Mrs. Eva Emery Dye, who also spoke entertainingly on the work in general of the Willamette University. B. Lee Paget, a well known attorney of Portland, was present and also spoke of the excellent work that is being done at the Willamette University at Salem. An endorsement fund of \$100,000 had been raised for the new building that will soon be erected on the campus, and when completed it will be one of the finest structures in the State. A. E. Eaton, of La Grande, Ore., recently donated \$50,000 to be applied to this building. The collection of last night's services amounted to \$40, and this will be applied to the regular running expense fund of the institution.

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