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BROWNELL ON STATEMENT NO. 1

The Peoples' Only Remedy From the Terrors of Corruption

RESUME OF THE POLITICAL PAST

People Are Out of Bondage—Why Return to Rule of Favoritism and Degrading Bossism.

Is there any legitimate argument against Statement No. 1? Do we want to go back to the old contests in which Senators have been elected in the States of the United States, and which have brought lasting disgrace and dishonor upon men, otherwise standing high in their different states and communities.

It is conceded that the Congress of the United States and the States will not make any change in the constitution of the United States relative to the method of electing U. S. Senators; the only way that change can be brought about is under some system as now exists in the State of Oregon. Senator Bourne was elected U. S. Senator in a quiet, peaceable and moral way, reflecting no discredit upon any member of the legislature, but in fact reflecting great credit upon it and upon the people of the State of Oregon.

On the other hand, under the old machine system, look back to the contest of 1895, a contest which continued 40 days and 40 nights. Money was used, many intoxicated and drunk around the capital and hotels, patronage traded off, votes bought and men standing high in the state resorted to all kinds of corruption and immoral activity to bring success to a particular individual, who they channeled. This in a capital of a great state what

kind of a lesson are such methods and examples, to the hundreds of young men who frequent the legislative halls during the session of legislature, say nothing of the demoralizing influence upon and over the individuals who are direct participants in such methods and proceedings. Look back to the hold-up session of 1897. Recall the strife, the corruption, the broken promises, the bribery, practiced on both sides. Legislation absolutely retarded for 40 days; one branch of the legislature falling to organize and appropriate for the support of state institutions was held up, practically chaos and revolution; with the Eldridge block with its women and wine and touch of high life thrown in on the side. What fair minded citizen of Oregon, who has any regard for the good name of this state and its civic virtue, would care to go back to these scenes and to this system. There being no election in 1897, the Governor of the State appointed the late Hon. Henry W. Corbet as U. S. Senator. This gentleman, a man who had made a great success in commercial life and in many other fields, accepted the appointment and went to Washington with credentials from the Governor of this State, and was undoubtedly humiliated to say nothing about the tremendous strain upon this old man, by being refused his seat

by the U. S. Senate. At the extra session of the Legislature of 1898, Mr. Corbet was again a candidate, when another bitter contest ensued which resulted in much ill feeling and bitterness throughout the State of Oregon, which finally ended in Mr. Corbet withdrawing, and the election of Hon. Joseph Simon, who however made an excellent, honorable and creditable Senator.

In 1901 the old machine methods were revived again in the State of Oregon. Mr. Corbet being a candidate and Senator McBride being a candidate for re-election. This contest continued for 40 days, resulting in the greatest corruption and demoralization, and ended in the election of Senator Mitchell at 12 o'clock on the last evening of the last day of the session.

It is a matter of common knowledge that some men could have received as high as \$10,000 to \$15,000 apiece for their votes during this contest, say nothing about the trades and corruption in the distribution of the Federal offices and patronage. I personally know of one man on the last evening of the session who was paid \$100 for each vote that he cast and kept under the influence of liquor to demoralize his mind and to destroy his conscience. This man was a representative of the people of this state and took an oath to support the constitution and the laws of the State of Oregon, and yet, under the corrupting influence of this old rotten machine system and method of electing U. S. Senators, this man lost self respect and all regard for his duty and as soon as the roll would be called and he voted, he would leave his seat, walk into the cloak room and get his \$100 in paper money, and an extra drink of whisky and return to continue serving the people of a great state in this manner and way. This is only one instance. There is another instance of where a man's vote on that night, was changed from one candidate to another by a prominent federal office holder stepping up to him on the floor of the House and guaranteeing him \$2500, in cash, and thus got his vote for the other candidate. A common thing to do and which was done at every session was the voting away of the tax payer's and the people's money in establishing new judicial districts, new normal schools and any other new or old thing, that would swell up the Senator or Representative from that particular district, so that his vote could be obtained and he could go back to his constituents and point to himself with pride and demand a re-election because he had got \$2500 for a normal school in his town. These are only a few instances amongst a great many that could be recalled if necessary to do so. Under the system of electing U. S. Senators by and through Statement No. 1, this is all obviated. These temptations to commit a great crime against civil government and civic virtue cannot possibly take place.

Is not this alone, a sufficient argument to convince any man who is not influenced by greed and selfishness that it is his duty to himself and to the State to uphold the system which Statement No. 1 stands for and to strike down the old system by letting the people elect the U. S. Senator by and through Statement No. 1. Who are the real men behind this



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movement? Are they not as a rule men who have, directly or indirectly, profited by the old machine system and who have made this State on the subject and line of electing U. S. Senators stand corruptly as high as Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Delaware. Look down along the line of names who are active against Statement No. 1, and see if you do not notice that nearly every one of them is what is commonly known and called a machine politician. Take the gang at Portland who want to destroy Statement No. 1, and see if they are not all members of the old machine who have got together for no higher purpose than to destroy this remedy of a pure and clean election of U. S. Senators. Go into the County seat of every county in this State, and who are the men who are fighting Statement No. 1? Good men, undoubtedly, but they are fellows who do not know what popular government means and who have no sympathy with the idea of the common people being sovereign or being capable of electing U. S. Senators. It is observed that nearly every individual who profits by machine politics and who has profited by them in the past, are loudly opposed to Statement No. 1. There is not

of M. Depew, Bailey of Texas, Aldridge who represents the special interests on the floor of the U. S. Senate, and Stovall Elkins who represents the Morgan and coal baron syndicate in the Senate of the United States, are always opposed to the popular election by the individual voters of the United States? This of itself conclusively shows that the special, moneyed and aristocratic class interests of the United States, including the corporations in Portland, Oregon, and elsewhere in this State, are lined up to a man against the popular election of U. S. Senators. Such being the case, is it not wise for the common people of the State and the thinking people of the State to conclude from this, that it is their duty to take the opposite course and support with all their power, the system represented by Statement No. 1?

It is claimed that this destroys party organization and that a Democrat might be elected to the United States Senate from Oregon. This is not any answer nor argument against Statement No. 1. The theory of our government is that the people shall rule and are masters and have sovereign power. If in a State like Oregon, that has safely from Twenty-five to Thirty-five Thousand majority Republican, the Republicans go to the ballot box and vote for a Democrat, he ought to be elected and ought to be given the office on the principle that the majority should rule.

Is it not a fact that all the corruption by legislators, in the way of special privileges, has taken place under the old system? If such is a fact, then why not strike a blow at the old system by letting the people elect their own Senator to the United States Senate, and make him directly responsible to the people instead of to two or three banks, fish cannery men, railroads and the Standard Oil Company, who as a whole, directly or indirectly, always have and always will under the old system control a majority of the legislature.

Is it not a fact that the granting of special privileges, high tariff, and franchises for the benefit of the few, that has been causing so much agitation and discussion throughout the United States, are largely the result of the old system of government in existence in the different States of the Union? Is it not a fact and is it not human nature, for a man, no matter how honest he wishes to be, who wants to go to the Senate of the United States, and who has as he advertises, to more or less prostitute and subvert the large corporations and the machine in order to achieve his ambitions. The reason why he has to do this is simply because in every state of the Union these large corporations control, either directly or indirectly, either the State organization of the dominant party or a sufficient number of the members of the legislature to be able to elect or defeat any person who will not bow and bend to their wishes and act along what they call conservative lines, but what in reality is to do the bidding of this great interest the same as Aldridge, Elkins, Tom Carter, Bailey of Texas of Standard Oil fame, and many others have been compelled to do in order to maintain their seats. Therefore what other remedy is there to protect the people except for the people to retain the power that they now have in the State of Oregon under Statement No. 1, and elect at the ballot box, the man whom they want to represent them in the Senate of the United States, and thereby hold him responsible to the public, and not make him feel that he is responsible not to the people, but to 46 members of the legislative assembly of Oregon which has largely been set up and placed in power by the combination of corporate interests. The real truth is, that every officer, if we want good government, from the President down to Constable, should be elected at the ballot box by popular vote of the people. This is the remedy in my humble opinion and judgment.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dwarf pens should be planted deeper than standards; the union of selen and steel should be at least four inches below the surface of the ground. This is largely for the purpose of protecting trees from breaking, as the union between steel and selen is never too perfect. Some think it an advantage to have the pear selen take root, as this results in a stronger tree.

BATTLE LINE IS FORMED

All Legislative Candidates in County Are Out for Statement No. 1.

WANT BUSINESS IN COURT HOUSE

Men Who Can Conduct the Peoples' Affairs Properly—Economy and Right the Watch-words.

The ranks are formed for the big battle that is to take place on the 17th of this month. It is a strenuous yet friendly fight with the Republican camp for the Democrats have peacefully settled their differences and it is not now known just who will contest for ultimate honors with each successful candidate for a Republican nomination. According to the registration one would think there is but a single side to an election in Clackamas County, but every biennial contest reveals the fact that party is but a secondary consideration with the sturdy farmers who have upon their shoulders the burden of the local government. They want business and not politics in the Court House and it matters little what colors he sails under, the man who can do things right, the man who can manage and economize, the man who is business from the word go is the man most people want to look after County affairs.

Every candidate for the Legislature is out on Statement No. 1, with the exception of H. F. Gibson, of Eagle Creek. Some of these at fact thought a qualified statement would be the proper thing, but open discussion of the question soon got all the candidates to a common conclusion. The fact is, that even though they may

time. There is plenty of room to grow. There is food for thought in the list of candidates following and the voters will not lack for choice:

Democratic.
Sheriff, Robert B. Beattie; Recorder, Wm. Heardt; Assessor, J. E. Jack; Commissioner, J. W. Smith; Representatives, L. W. Robbins, W. F. Young, W. A. Heyman; Constable, F. A. Miles; Justice of the Peace, A. F. Parker.

Republican.
Sheriff, R. L. Greaves; County Clerk, F. W. Greenman; Recorder, C. E. Ramsey; Treasurer, J. C. Paddock; Assessor, W. H. Holder, H. S. Moody, Geo. F. Horton, James F. Nelson; Commissioner, Robert S. Coe, Enos Cahill, H. H. Matton, E. E. Judd; Coroner, R. L. Holman, C. A. Stuart; Superintendent of Schools, T. J. Gary; Representatives, W. A. Dimick, J. U. Campbell, Linn E. Jones, C. H. Dye, Geo. W. Dixon, E. D. Olds, F. M. Gill; County Surveyor, S. A. D. Hargate; Constable, Dist. No. 4, R. T. Barbur; Justices of the Peace, Dist. No. 2, E. L. Davidson; Dist. No. 1, John F. Clark, W. H. H. Samson, A. M. Slinott.

Socialists.
Sheriff, C. E. Hilton; Clerk, Robert Ginther; Recorder, Bayne Howard; Treasurer, August Splinter; Assessor, C. Park; Commissioner, A. C. Thomas; Coroner, J. S. Imel; Representatives, E. Coleman, John F. Starik, M. V. Thomas.

Independent Candidates.
J. W. Gray will be an independent candidate for the office of County School Superintendent at the June election, and J. W. McNulty will also be an independent candidate for the office of County Clerk.



C. E. RAMSBY, Republican Candidate for Recorder of Conveyances.

FATHER VS. SON.
Junior Gets the Bulge on Aged Parent—Seeks Redress in the Courts.
That son should turn against his aged father is a most deplorable state of affairs, more especially so when the parent, who has watched over the youth and cared for him so tenderly, and as age and infirmity approaches and with a view of still benefiting the youth, the father deers over all earthly possessions that the son may better pursue the affairs of life and at the same time be given an opportunity to care for the aged parent. Such is the chapter of events in the life of Michael Bachert, of Aurora, who alleges the condition above set forth and applies in the circuit court to have a deed, which he made to his son, Andy Bachert and wife a year ago, set aside and cancelled and that his farm of 84 acres in Clackamas county, near Aurora, be returned to him. The old gentleman alleges he decided to his son the home place with the understanding that the son and his wife should care for him as long as he should live. But that as soon as the son had the deed in his hands he sold his father's team and used the money for himself and left the farm, throwing the aged parent on his own resources, which under the circumstances, are quite meagre. Dimick & Dimick are attorneys for plaintiff.

GLADSTONE PROPOSITION.
At 2:30 Wednesday, a number of ladies from Gladstone and Oregon City met at the residence of Mrs. Olds to consult about the organization of their forces to aid in the erection of a church building. Twenty ladies signified their willingness to go into the organization. Mrs. L. A. Read was elected president; Mrs. Gault, vice-president; Mrs. Olds, secretary and treasurer. After the appointment of the usual committees and a splendid tea served by Mrs. Olds, the meeting adjourned to meet Thursday at 2 p. m., April 2, at the residence of Mrs. L. A. Read.
It was also recommended that a Sunday school be organized on the first Sunday in the incoming quarter, and that for the present it meet in the residence recently purchased by Rev. Mulkey near the car track, that leads to the Chautauque grounds. ...

After the first leaves come on current and gooseberry bushes, look out for the well-known currant worm. A simple remedy is a solution of one ounce of fresh white hellebore in three gallons of water sprinkled or sprayed on the bushes at once. Don't delay a moment.

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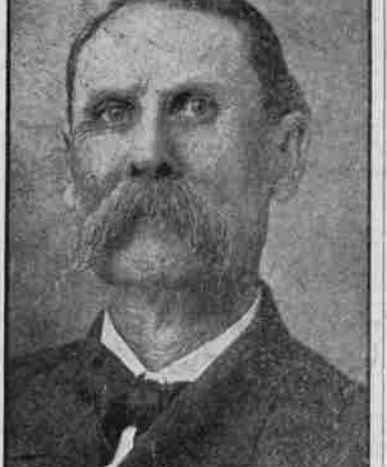
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R. S. COE, of Canby, Candidate for Office of County Commissioner.

Mr. R. S. Coe, is one of the well-known farmers of Clackamas County and resides at Canby, and the flourishing condition of his farm bespeaks the sturdy, business like nature of the man. He is vice-president of the County Fair Association and also president of the Canby Development League. He has been a resident of the county for upwards of 18 years, and in that time has mingled with the people and interested himself in the upbuilding of public affairs and interests for the people, receiving the commendation of friends widespread. In his announcement, as a Republican candidate for County Commissioner, Mr. Coe says:

"As a business man and one much interested in the development of Clackamas County, if I receive said nomination and am elected to said office, I pledge myself to use my abilities and best efforts in the promotion of the interest of said county and towards a progressive administration of county affairs along economical and business lines."

a corporation in the State of Oregon nor a franchise holder, nor any of the special privilege class, but what are opposed to the Statement No. 1, and want to go back to the good old days of 1895, the hold-up time of 1897 and the election of 1901. The politician sees that his opportunity to gratify greed and selfishness is out of his reach when the election of the U. S. Senator is left to the public. It destroys the opportunity which comes from the corruption of the 90 members of the legislature, with their chances for political trades, patronage and appropriations, as against the 100,000 votes in the State of Oregon.

Why is it, I inquire, that the Standard Oil Company, the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company and these other great lines of transportation, that reach through the different states, always line up directly against the Primary Law and popular election by the people of the U. S. Senators? If Statement No. 1 and its methods and system and purposes are all wrong, why is it that such Senators as Chann-