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- For Circuit Judge—T. A. McBRIDE. For District Attorney—T. J. CLEETON.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET

- Senator—Geo. C. Brownell. Representatives—J. L. Kruse, John Dennison, Alex Thomson.

Lives of great men all remind us, As we o'er their pages turn, That they sometimes leave behind them Letters that they ought to burn.

Vote the straight Republican ticket. BLUFFING don't go when your caught at it.

Of course Col. Bob got a retainer in advance. WHEN thieves fall out—well, honest men go to fires.

If, as Corby says, Barkley is in the mire, where is U'Ren? GUESS U'Ren thinks the Enterprise will pay his campaign expense.

Tis' said an open confession is good for the soul. Well, Corby ought to know. It is something, perhaps, to be an accomplished perverticator, but it is most unfortunate to be an inconsistent one.

Wonder what Rev. Gwynn knew that interested U'Ren so much that he had to be present at Barkley's whitewashing.

If a man is in the mire, and desires to extract himself from it, he should not go about the country making contradictory statements.

THOS. H. TONGUE will have a walk-over. He is one of the very best representatives Oregon has ever had, and the people are with him.

If \$80 are sufficient to purchase one populist member of the legislature, what ought a newspaper do to a jury that would give U'Ren \$10,000 for defamation of character?

PROFESSOR Strange, the Republican candidate for county school superintendent, is a man who is known for his ability. He will undoubtedly receive a handsome majority.

WHEN Barkley visited Astoria in 1896 the Astorian said he should be placed in an insane asylum. Barkley ought to move to Astoria. He is dearly beloved by the people down there.

Populists sold for \$80 eighteen months ago, but now the price has raised to \$10,000. Who says that we are not enjoying prosperity?

The statements published in the Populist paper to the effect that Republican candidates are knifing each other are not worthy of denial. Greater harmony never existed than at the present time.

Populists are always out after the stuff. Usually \$80 are enough. But there are glorious exceptions which prove the rule. U'Ren wants \$10,000. The amusing part of the situation is that he wants it from the Enterprise.

The original letters which comprise the correspondence between Barkley and Corby in regard to the Wolfe fire are now in the possession of the Enterprise. They are open to the inspection of anyone who doubts their existence or genuineness.

THOMAS H. TONGUE cannot come to Oregon to take part in the campaign; he must stay in Washington to assist in looking out for the Nation's welfare. While Mr. Tongue's presence would be desirable, it is not necessary to his success. He will be elected, just the same.

The statement of Mr. Edwards, published elsewhere in this issue, is sufficient to prove to any person that the American Book Company is not overcharging the people of Oregon; in fact they pay less for books than the people of many other states.

DOUBTLESS the Populist organs will raise a great cry over the libel suit brought by U'Ren against the Enterprise. They will probably brand as infamous the letters published in this paper and solicit the sympathy of the voters for the "oppressed" and "injured" Populist candidates for the legislature.

It is understood that the Populists will spring a lot of "sensations" at the last moment for the purpose of injuring the Republican ticket. They will tell stories to the effect that Republican candidates are trading each other, hoping thus to accomplish the defeat of several of the nominees. Do not believe these fairy tales. The Republican party is harmonious.

FRANK I. DUNBAR, the Republican candidate for secretary of state, will be elected by a large majority. He is one of the most competent men in Oregon and has made hosts of friends in his travels over the state. He is not a politician, but a modest, unassuming young business man—just the person to handle the state's business in an economical manner. A vote for Mr. Dunbar is a vote for honest and capable government.

U'Ren's friends have adopted a new plan of campaign. They are now going about the country telling that he was a member of the state senate last winter and took his oath of office. This is ridiculously absurd. U'Ren was a member of the lower house, and steadfastly refused to organize, as everyone knows. There was too much inducement for U'Ren to go in, but he now realizes the people will not give him another chance. They are done with him.

ADmits the GUILT. At Scott's Mill, last Friday, Rev. Gwynn made a statement which implicated H. L. Barkley in the Wolfe fire affair; in effect charged him with having spirited Witness Mitchell away, that he might use the latter's information to "pull the Jews," as Corby says. This charge is now admitted to be true by Hofer's paper, the Salem Capital Journal the leading Populist sheet of Oregon. Read what it says:

"At the close of the speaking Mr. Flagg stated that Rev. Gwynn was present and demanded that the gentleman come forward and tell what he knew about the Statesman's charges against H. L. Barkley. Mr. Gwynn came forward and substantiated much of the charges, which created a degree of excitement in the audience."

VOTE FOR AN HONEST DOLLAR. The issue in Clackamas county this year is one which cannot be evaded. The election will decide whether the people are for an honest dollar, or for a dishonest dollar. Never before has the situation been so severely presented.

At the present time we are at war with Spain. Millions of dollars will be required to carry on the war. Those dollars must be worth 100 cents; silver dollars worth fifty cents will not answer

the purpose. Silver is good money—the very best with which to purchase peanuts; but war cannot be carried on with it. It is not of sufficient value.

We should see that the government is provided with honest money, that the present war may be prosecuted with vigor. We should elect men who favor sound currency, that our senators in the national house of congress may be men who will vote to maintain the gold standard.

Oregon is the first state to hold a general election. The eyes of the nation are upon her. If the Populists succeed in carrying the state, we will be looked upon in the east as a lot of fanatics. Capital will shun us; business will decrease. On the other hand, if we elect the Republican ticket, we will have set an example for the remainder of the Union. A state that is for sound money is always a good investing place, and capital will come here. Our duty to the government demands that we elect sound money men. Clackamas county gave nearly 300 majority for McKinley and will do it again.

U'REN'S MODEST CLAIM.

W. S. U'Ren has brought a libel suit against L. L. Porter on account of an editorial, written by Mr. Curtis, which appeared in the Enterprise. This \$80-gentleman wishes to show people that he is worth more than this amount, and brings suit for \$10,000. He believes that he can thus detract attention from himself and his disgraceful political career by a cry of "Stop, thief!"

U'Ren, Barkley and their gang of "self-convicted boodlers and grafters," realizing that the people are thoroughly aroused over their nefarious scheme in holding up the last legislature, are resorting to those tactics in order to gain sympathy for their cause and turn the tide of public opinion which is engulfing them.

The editorial objected to is one commenting on the affidavit of Mrs. Lewelling, sister-in-law of the county recorder. She is the one who makes the charges, and she ought to know, as U'Ren made his home at her house for a long time. She charges him with the financial ruin which has overtaken the Lewellings, he for a long time being a partner in her business. It is not necessary for the Enterprise to make charges when these accusing witnesses stand on every hand.

The editorial also commented upon the trial of U'Ren by the Populist committee, when he confessed to having received money.

We believe that this libel suit is brought, not to right an injury, but to injure Mr. Porter's candidacy and assist that of U'Ren and Barkley. It is brought so that this gang may go out and say, "The Enterprise has lied, and we have brought suit," thinking that they can get votes in this way. Are the people so easily fooled?

The Enterprise and Mr. Porter have no fear of the case; neither do they believe it is brought in good faith or will be pushed to a trial.

MR. CORBY'S STATEMENT.

The Herald of last week published the following: "T. H. MITCHELL A PERJURER. "The sworn statement of T. H. Mitchell, published in the Salem Statesman, Sunday, May 22, 1898, is untrue. He is a perjurer, villain, and the men that paid him to blackmail H. L. Barkley are no better."

Mr. Mitchell's statement was also published in the Enterprise, together with other affidavits and letters, which tended to implicate Barkley in the Wolfe fire affair. Those documents showed that Mitchell was in possession of important facts regarding the destruction of the Wolfe property; that Barkley suggested to him that his knowledge of the affair would be worth \$8000 or \$10,000 to them. It was also shown that Barkley sent Mitchell to the home of Rev. Gwynn, there to remain until sent for. Corby is the individual who drove Mitchell to Rev. Gwynn's home and who, it appears from the statements published, knew of the scheme of Barkley to thus become possessed of a very large sum of money.

At the political meeting at Scott's Mills last Friday Rev. Gwynn took the platform and practically confirmed what has been published regarding the effort of Barkley to use Mitchell's information for what there was in it. Despite this confession, however, Corby makes the foregoing statement. It is not borne out by what has since transpired.

Henry Thomas, of Wilhoit, was present at the Scott's Mill meeting and heard Rev. Gwynn's exposure. Mr. Thomas

says he saw Corby the first of last week and he was looking for Rev. Gwynn. The latter could not be found. Corby soon after engaged in conversation with Thomas, who quotes him as having made, substantially, the following statement:

"I am as deep in the mud as Barkley is in the mire. We were blamed fools for ever having anything to do with it" (the Wolfe affair.)

Mr. Thomas' statement cannot be doubted. He is a man of unquestioned integrity and is not interested in the issue. His statement must be accepted as true.

What then, of Corby's letter to the Herald? In that letter he brands T. H. Mitchell as a "perjured villain," yet virtually admits to Mr. Thomas the guilt of Barkley and himself.

Comment is unnecessary. The people of Clackamas and Marion counties know what Barkley is. He attempts to deny that he received money for participating in the hold-up at Salem, yet it is proved of him by these witnesses and documents that he spirited away Mitchell, an important witness in a supposed arson case, for reasons best known to himself. Barkley is not the man to represent the people of Clackamas and Marion at Salem. If, as the documents published last week would tend to prove, he aided in defeating justice, that he might get in his graft, is it right to elect him to the legislature? Is he to be trusted?

These are questions to be answered next Monday. Voters, do your duty.

BARKLEY "EXONERATED."

The Union county county central committee held a meeting at Woodburn Monday night and "investigated" the charges preferred against H. L. Barkley by himself in his letters to Rev. Gwynn and others. The findings of the committee follow:

We, the undersigned, have investigated the insinuated charges made against Hon. H. L. Barkley in the Daily Statesman of May 22, 1898, and the Oregon City Enterprise of May 27, 1898, and we are fully satisfied that they are utterly false and unfounded and that the same have been made for political purposes. In the course of our investigation we have found that Rev. R. Gwynn has made conflicting statements and vacillating statements in which, in our opinion, he showed mental weakness, and we are of the opinion that his statements are entirely unreliable.

We also find that the fac simile letter published had no reference whatever to the secreting of T. H. Mitchell or any other dishonorable transaction.

From the published affidavit of T. H. Mitchell and other facts brought before us during the investigation we are of the opinion that the statements of said Mitchell are not worthy of consideration.

We, therefore, have full confidence in the honor and integrity of Hon. H. L. Barkley, and we are fully satisfied that he has not been connected with any questionable or dishonorable transaction.

Dated at Woodburn, Or., this 30th day of May, 1898. JOHN BAYNE, Chairman Marion County Democratic Central Committee.

GEO. W. WEEKS, Chairman of Marion County People's County Central Committee. W. T. RIDGON, Chairman Marion County Silver Republican Central Committee.

MR. BARKLEY'S DENIAL.

WOODBURN, Or., May 30, 1898. To the citizens of Marion and Clackamas counties, Oregon, and to whom it may concern:

As to the libelous insinuations and affidavits in the Salem Statesman of May 22nd, and in the Oregon City Enterprise of May 27, 1898, I have this to say, that they are utterly false, slanderous, and without any foundation in truth or fact, and I will afford these enemies ample opportunity to present their evidence in the courts. This is not the time for me to adduce my evidence in the newspapers, but I will do so in the courts, and these slanderers must take the legal consequences of their acts.

HENRY L. BARKLEY.

The above "exoneration" is what was to have been expected. The letters of Barkley, Corby and Mitchell proved conclusively that the three were involved in some questionable transaction, but, as it was then too late to withdraw Barkley from the ticket—which action, it has been determined, was decided upon by the committee—the only thing left to do was to "investigate" and "exonerate"

The committee finds that "the fac simile letter published had no reference to the secreting of T. H. Mitchell, or any other dishonorable transaction." To what, then, did it have reference? The expressions used are those in vogue amongst thugs and criminals. "Keep all under your own eye;" "never allow anyone to detect you;" "old man, do your finest job;"—are these expressions a minister of the gospel would employ to communicate with another minister regarding an honorable transaction? Would Barkley caution Rev. Gwynn not to allow himself to be detected in an honorable transaction? Why does not Barkley explain them? He brands as false and libelous the deductions which naturally are arrived at from the letters published, but says this is not the proper

time to adduce his evidence into the newspapers.

Why is this not the time for an explanation? These conclusions are held against Barkley by a large majority of the people of Clackamas and Marion counties. They want to know whether or not the charges are true. Then why does not Barkley explain? His candidacy has been injured by the publication of these letters, yet he refuses to explain them. He has excellent reasons for refusing. They cannot be explained to the satisfaction of the voters. No attempt has been made to deny the genuineness of the letters, but the matter is passed over with the unsupported statement that they had reference to no dishonorable transaction and that the charges arising from them are false and libelous. Barkley knows, were he to tell the truth in the matter, he would not poll 200 votes in the two counties. Are not the statements of Mitchell and Rev. Gwynn worth as much as that of Barkley, the former agreeing on every point and the latter unsupported? Barkley's friends dismiss Mitchell as a perjured villain and Rev. Gwynn as mentally unsound. But the people know better. Barkley has been exposed as a scheming politician, who will employ any method to gain his end.

A man who is dishonorable in private life will not make a faithful public servant.

ALPHA AND OMEGA.

The campaign in the state of Oregon closes tomorrow night. The Republicans have carried on an honorable fight, while the fusionists have conducted a guerrilla warfare. This has been very noticeable in Clackamas county. The Enterprise has treated all the candidates on the Fusion ticket with due consideration and has not indulged in mud-slinging. We have exposed the fallacies and methods of the so-called fusion amalgamation and have proven conclusively that they have been recreant to every promise made. We have shown, and not only shown, but compelled, the Herald to admit that its financial statement as to the saving in Clackamas county was false and originated in the imaginative brain of boodler politicians. We have shown that, not only has the county been run cheaper under a Republican administration than under a Populist administration, but that a Republican county court has reduced the indebtedness of Clackamas county over \$31,000 during the past year, a fact which the Herald admits.

We have discussed the issues of the campaign in a clear and concise manner, to the end that every voter in Clackamas county could be informed on the political issues of the day. We have proven conclusively that the Populist party were responsible for the legislative hold-up, and so convincing were the proofs, that they have never attempted to deny them, while, on the contrary, U'Ren has admitted them to be true, and openly states that he will do it again if opportunity offers.

While the Fusion press of the county have indulged in mud-slinging, vituperation, abuse and misrepresentation of facts the Enterprise has conducted an honorable fight, paying no attention to the abuse and vilification of the Populist press, relying upon the good judgment and patriotism of the voters to do their duty to the country and maintain the Nation's honor. We have proven conclusively that U'Ren is not a proper person to be entrusted with any office in the gift of the people; that he has proven himself a traitor to his party and a disgrace to the county; that he has wilfully violated every pledge made to the people and received compensation from one of the most dishonorable gangs of boodler politicians that has ever disgraced the state.

The most important duty devolving upon the voters of Clackamas county is to elect the Republican legislative ticket. Their votes will be cast in the next legislature for a United States senator who will be in harmony with President McKinley and will give him his unequalled support in carrying out the war measures now being hampered by the Populists in congress. There is not a candidate on the Republican legislative ticket—either Mr. Brownell, as senator; Mr. Porter as joint senator, or either of the three representatives, who is pledged to vote for John H. Mitchell, for United States senator, or any other man, but are pledged to vote for a Republican who is sound on the sound money ques-

tion and in sympathy with President McKinley.

All the candidates for county office on the Republican ticket are gentlemen well and favorably known and will fill the position to which they will be elected. They are interested in the finances of the county and an honest administration of county affairs. They are all taxpayers and can be depended upon to see that the best interests of the taxpayers are protected. The entire ticket is one of the best ever nominated in Clackamas county and its election is now an assured fact.

The members of the Republican central committee are entitled to the highest eulogiums of praise for the able manner in which they have managed the campaign. They have succeeded in restoring harmony in the Republican ranks, and never in the history of the county has the Republican party been as strong and as harmonious as this year.

The voters in every precinct in the county have attested their interest in the campaign and have attended the public speaking, imbued with one idea, and that of intelligently understanding the issues in order to cast an honest and intelligent vote. No more honest or patriotic people live anywhere than those of Clackamas county, and we have confidence in their patriotism to believe that they will vote for the party that has redeemed the county from stagnation and financial distress, and provided means whereby the farmers have been enabled to find a market for their produce at good prices.

Every honest man who believes in an honest government, who believes that President McKinley should be indorsed for his able statesmanship in the war with Spain, should go to the polls next Monday, with the banner of the grand old Republican party, upon which will be engraved the words in letters of gold: "Remember the Maine."

The Enterprise has confidence in the honesty and patriotism of the voters of Clackamas county to believe that they will vote as they did in the presidential election when McKinley carried the county by 300 majority; and that they will increase that majority and prove to the world that they do not indorse the actions of the Populists in the legislative hold-up.

THERE has been much misrepresentation by Mr. Myers and the speakers of the Fusionist party regarding the connection of Mr. Ryan with the passage of the Oregon City charter. They state that Mr. Ryan was personally interested in the passage of this bill, and that it was a great injustice to the people in the county. The facts are that Mr. Ryan was employed by the city as an attorney or agent to see that the bill was passed, and that he did no more to secure the passage of this bill than any man in the county would have done, if he had been similarly employed and had been honest. It would certainly have been a dishonest act on his part to have violated the trust reposed in him by the city council, if he had failed to use all honorable means to secure the passage of said bill after he had been employed to do the work. The clause of the city charter covering the distribution of the road money is with the recent decision of the supreme court that all road districts are entitled to the money collected therein for road purposes. According to that decision the city is entitled to all road tax money, but the charter calls for only 60 per cent of it. None of this money can be expended on the city streets, only on county roads running through the city. Nearly all city charters have similar provisions.

In 1890 Wm. Myers was a candidate for state senator on the union labor ticket and was charged by the Courier with being put up by the corporations as a tool to defeat W. H. Vaughan, the democratic nominee. E. L. Eastham, the republican nominee, was elected.

Discovered by a Woman.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles, has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Arthur Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hammick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at Charman & Co.'s Drug Store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.