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HAS QUIT POLITICS

SENATOR BROWNELL DECLARES HE IS OUT OF THE GAME.

Insists That He is Not a Candidate for Governor and Will not Run for State Senator.

"I am positively not a candidate for Governor, or any other office. I am decidedly out of politics," declared Senator Brownell when questioned relative to his candidacy for Governor.

"And this is the truth, too," seriously reiterated the Clackamas county statesman of promises filled and unfulfilled. Senator Brownell was found at his home by the interviewer who was invited to the Senator's library. Producing a liberal stock of choice Havana cigars, discussion was resumed.

"No, I will tell you honestly, my position," commenced the Senator. "This morning I attended church services for the purpose of cleansing my system of the odium that has naturally resulted from a contact with the influences by which I have been surrounded during the last forty days in Oregon politics.

"I am sure I could not tell you, but I expect the machine wants to see Judge Webster get the nomination. At any rate, whoever the candidate may be, he will be compelled to make a personal canvass of the state and without spending anything corruptly, such a campaign will cost between \$2000 and \$3000 and I just simply haven't got the money. I confess I like politics, but a poor man has no business in the game and I have quit.

"Will you not be a candidate to succeed yourself as State Senator from Clackamas County in 1906?" was asked. "No, sir, I assuredly will not. I have repeatedly stated I am entirely out of politics to remain out. In the future I will have absolutely nothing to do in politics and will devote my whole time to my law business as a more satisfactory means of providing for the comfort and happiness of my family.—Monday's Oregonian.

The same paper Tuesday morning contained the following comment as to the probable successor of Senator Brownell: "While the announcement by Senator Brownell of his positive retirement from politics, both state and local, is received with suspicion here at the Senator's home, where he is perhaps best known, still County Republican vineyard who consider themselves entitled to succeed Senator Brownell in his role of dictator of the party in this county. Foremost among these aspirants may be mentioned Representative Clyde G. Huntley, of this city, who has served this county for two successive terms in the House of Representatives. James U. Campbell, ex-county chairman of the county organization, would not refuse the nomination when it is to be made, while Harvey E. Cross or Charles F. Clark, of Clackamas, would not refuse to succeed their former political opponent, Senator Brownell. There are also others.

"It is generally understood that County Judge Ryan will ask for the nomination as State Treasurer on the Republican state ticket, while ex-Mayor Grant B. Dimick has the county well organized to the extent at least that it is probable he will realize his ambition to succeed Judge Ryan in 1906. For the reasons just recited, neither Ryan nor Dimick may be considered in the race for Senator other than in so far as the selection might affect their individual interests, except their aspirations are defeated in the county and state conventions about a year hence."

HE BOUGHT A GOLD BRICK.

Linn County Man's Gullibility Costs Him \$10,000.

There was published in the Oregonian Tuesday a gold brick story in which is related the details of how a Linn county man was separated from \$10,000 by a brace of bold swindlers who successfully employed the antiquated "gold brick" scheme. The story follows:

"Lying at the point of death in his home 25 miles south of Portland is a man 75 years old, who is the victim of two confidence men. Four days ago they were successful in swindling him out of \$10,000 by means of the antiquated "gold brick" trick. A cleaner job has never been reported. Since he became aware that he had lost the small fortune, he was attacked by a serious spell of heart failure. Publicity of his name and residence, his relatives emphatically declare, would kill him.

"Not for years has such a sensational bunco trick been turned near Portland, and a smoother job has never come to light. It seems almost incredible, but close relatives of the old man declare he begs them to withhold his name from every person who cannot be trusted to keep it from the police and newspapers. He fears publicity, saying the humiliated bunco men to work up to the termination of the daring trick, secure the old man's fortune and escape. After leaving, they dropped him a letter, as is usual with such men in such a case, saying they presumed he was aware that he had been swindled. It would do no good they said, to make a fuss about it, as he would be hooted by all his friends for being a sucker, and the best thing he could do was to keep quiet and make the best of it.

"There are no new features to the game, as the swindlers worked it, and its details have been published from ocean to ocean since Mount Hood was only a hill. One of the criminals took lodgings in the village where the victim lives, remaining there until he was able to gather all important details as to his antecedents, the old man's journeyings and such data as is always necessary in carrying to the final termination the moss-grown trick.

"Having obtained sufficient details, the swindler had his partner equip a fake assay office in a nearby town, where the old man was taken later, that the gold brick used could be assayed and the value of the mine to be sold verified. The gold mine from which the brick was taken, was located in Arizona, they told the old man, and was the property of an Indian. The man who worked the deal with the old man possessed a photograph of the old Indian, who he said owned the mine. The red man wanted to sell the property and great was the old man's chance, he was told, to buy cheaply a very valuable mine.

"The bunco man talked very familiarly of towns where the old man had lived; of journeys he had taken from place to place, yowled he had known him in the bygone days and was exceedingly glad, he told his intended victim, that he could afford him an unheard-of proposition at so small a sum.

"Last Friday the bunco man and his intended victim boarded a train at the village station and went to another town, where the fake assay office was ready to receive them. The second bunco man was there, his role being that of a Government official in charge. He assayed the gold brick. It was very valuable ore, he said—very valuable. He gave the matter exceptionally careful attention, he told the old man and the first bunco artist, as he had never before seen such a cracker-jack sample of gold ore.

"The old man thought the word of the fake Government official must be good, so he paid over the first sum—\$10,000. Other sums were to follow, until the mine would all be his. He went home, happy in the thought that he had closed a magnificent deal. When he received the letter from the swindlers Saturday afternoon he fainted and a physician has been in constant attendance since. During his delirious moments he begged piteously to have the matter kept a profound secret.

"Efforts are being made by the officials to capture the two men who turned the trick, but there is said to be small hope. Both were wearing chin whiskers, good but not exceptionally fine clothes, and were past masters in the art of conversation."

It develops that the victim of the swindlers' operations was Wm. Vance, a wealthy Linn county farmer.

SESSION AT AN END

OREGON LEGISLATURE HAS ADJOURNED WITHOUT DAY.

Brief Review of the Principal Measures That Were Passed by Both Houses.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 17.—At 8 o'clock tonight the 23d biennial session of the Oregon Legislature ended and the lawmakers adjourned without day. The session began January 3 and lasted 40 days. The body cannot meet again unless called together by the Governor. The next Legislature will not meet in regular session until January, 1907.

The House had little to do today, but the Senate was crowded with work and a number of bills on third reading in that chamber were left behind.

The climax of the session was reached today in the Senate, when the Jayne local option bill was disposed of—a measure which drew more interest than any other at any time in the session. Governor Chamberlain will be kept busy the next five days scanning the many bills which were passed at the close of the session. The important measures are as follows:

Whipping-Post Established. The punishment of wife-beaters by whipping has been authorized by an amendment of the criminal laws on assault and battery, and on conviction the husband may be sentenced to receive 20 lashes administered by the Sheriff, Constable or City Marshal. The infliction of this penalty rests in the discretion of the court.

The Eddy corporation Tax Law was amended in the interests of mining companies. The bill provides that mining concerns not having an output of \$1000 a year shall be exempt from the payment of taxes under the Eddy law, but shall pay a flat tax of ten dollars on organization and ten dollars per year.

Several bills to create a board of control for all the normal schools of the state to cut out one normal school, to abolish all normal schools and establish one in their place. All efforts to change the present normal-school system in Oregon were defeated.

One Railroad Law. An act was passed to compel railroads to make connections with each other and transfer cars at reasonable rates, the purpose of the act being to make it possible to build short railroad lines into undeveloped territory and compel main line roads to handle its cars.

Fish and Game Laws. Several fishing laws were enacted for the purpose of guarding against the taking of fish on spawning grounds, and to encourage the execution of the laws. An appropriation of \$8000 was made for purchase and maintenance of a patrol boat for the Master Fish Warden, so that he will be able to pursue and capture persons who violate or are suspected of violating the law.

Numerous game bills were passed by the Legislature, the most important being those prohibiting the sale of game and providing a gun license tax of \$1.00 for residents of Oregon and \$10 for non-residents, with the exceptions that persons may hunt on their own land without paying a license.

Some Measures Defeated. The legislature defeated efforts to make gambling a felony, to amend the local option law, to abolish riparian rights, to create Cascade County from part of Wasco, to amend the census law so as to make it more applicable to present needs, and to create a mining bureau.

In Aid of Irrigation. An irrigation law was passed, granting to the Government power to condemn water right where necessary in the construction of extensive reclamation work. This measure also creates the office of State Engineer and carries an appropriation of \$5000 for hydrographic survey work. The government agrees to spend dollar for dollar with the state in work of this kind and the plan is to make accurate surveys so that definite information can be had regarding available water supply in streams now used for irrigation.

The purpose of the surveys will be to determine whether, after making allow-

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