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### BROWNELL'S HYPOCRISY.

Senator Brownell in announcing his platform states that he signs Statement No. 1 of the Direct Primary Law as "the greatest issue on which I ask nomination and election." By way of introduction, he further declares "I have always advocated the popular nomination and election of United States Senators."

In making these statements Brownell is not sincere. Neither is he honest. His own record at Salem is proof of his insincerity in making these declarations. If he has "ALWAYS" advocated the popular nomination and election of United States Senators, why did he not vote for and support for that office T. T. Geer, the people's choice, in the last senatorial contest? But what else could be expected of him? Did he ever keep faith with his constituents in any important matter? Can anything more be expected of him at this time?

What has the corporation agent and attorney to say as to what his position will be towards corporate interests, by which he is employed, during his term of service in the State Senate should he be elected? Having failed to make any statement as to what he will do, is it to be expected that anything but a repetition of the last twelve years can be looked for? When corporate greed has been aligned against the interests of the public has he not always been found faithfully serving the corporations in whose salaried employ he is?

But then Brownell has found that the people of Clackamas county are fond of being duped and he thinks all he has to do this time is to compound the prescription and they will swallow it without so much as making a face.

This time the preparation is the popular election of Senator. The medicine is good so far as it goes but it is by no means a remedy for the many ailments of which the people of this state and particularly Clackamas county, have to complain, by reason of the acts of their Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde legislator in matters of important legislation.

But the people of this county are experiencing an awakening to the real situation. They may have been fooled before, several times for that matter, but it will require a thicker coat of sugar this time if Brownell gets the voters to take his dope again and say they like it. They have about tired of the Brownell brand which has promised so much and accomplished so little.

But in order to keep up their courage, Brownell's boosters are howling that he "can't be beat." But the voters have tired of the tender embraces and confidential assurances of a State Senator who never overlooks an opportunity to demonstrate his insincerity by repudiating practically every pledge he ever made. They have from time to time accepted as earnest a renewal of the same pledges so often violated until they have lost all confidence they ever had in the man.

### VOTERS MUST REGISTER.

Not more than 1200 of a voting strength of 4500 in this county have registered to date. This is far from satisfactory. IN ORDER TO VOTE AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION IN APRIL, ELECTORS MUST REGISTER ON OR BEFORE APRIL 10th. There is not getting out of this. Then register.

Arrangements are being made by the Republican organization of this county for holding meetings in practically every precinct of the county between now and the time for closing the registration books for the primary election. At these meetings there will be addresses by competent speakers who will explain the Direct Primary Law. There will also be in attendance a notary public and an opportunity will be given voters to register.

These meetings will be strictly non-partisan and will be held solely for the purpose of acquainting voters with the details of the primary law and getting them to register. The people now nominate their candidates for office and it is the duty of each elector to attend at least one of these meetings and learn what part he has to perform in the naming of candidates.

Grant B. Dimick, of this city, will address the people of Macksburg and vicinity tomorrow, Saturday evening. At that time he will explain the Direct Primary law and he will be accompanied by a notary public who will give voters an opportunity to register. This and other meetings of similar character should be largely attended. The voters of Eagle Creek and vicinity will be addressed on the same subject tomorrow evening by C. Schuebel, of this city. Voters will be given a chance to register at this meeting also.

### RULES TO DETERMINE QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS.

Section 2776—The place shall be considered and held to be the residence of a person in which his habitation is fixed, and to which, whenever he is absent, he has the intention of returning; a person shall not be considered or held to have lost his residence who shall leave his home

and go into another state or territory or county of this state for a temporary cause only; a person shall not be considered or held to have gained a residence in any county of this state into which he shall come for temporary purposes only, without the intention of making said county his home, but with the intention of leaving the same when he shall have accomplished the business that brought him into it; the place where a married man's family reside shall be considered and held to be his residence; the place where an unmarried man sleeps shall be considered and held to be his place of residence; all qualified electors shall vote in the election precinct in the county where they may reside for county officers, and in any county in the state for state officers, or in any county of a congressional district on which such electors may reside for members of congress.

The qualifications of electors follows: "White male citizen 21 years of age and upwards, a citizen of the United States, having resided in the state for six months preceding the election; every white foreigner 21 years of age who has resided in the state six months preceding the election and who has declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States one year preceding such election."

### CAN SIGN ANY NUMBER.

Under the provisions of the Direct Primary law a voter may sign the petitions of any number of candidates for the nomination to any one office. A mistaken impression prevails among many voters who are of the opinion that they can sign the petition of but a single candidate for nomination to any one office. The law gives to each voter the right to sign as many petitions for the same office as may be presented to him. He can then express his choice at the primary election when of course the elector can vote for but one candidate for each office on the state and county tickets. In this county on the Legislative ticket, the voter can vote for one candidate for State Senator and three candidates for Representative.

Labor and capital should be treated with equal fearlessness by men worthy to hold public office. One of the qualities most admirable in the President is his courage alike before the votes of labor and the dollars of the millionaire. Justice is an official's highest duty, whether to pauper or trust magnate. Some criticism has been made of late on Governor Folk of Missouri, for his commutation to imprisonment for life of the death sentence passed upon one Bailey for murdering a "scab," and at least one brilliant newspaper, which is always the organ of capital, contrasts Mr. Folk's action unfavorably with that of Governor Hoch of Kansas, who refused to pardon a man condemned to six months' imprisonment for injury to a "scab."

Such a criticism shows how far habitual bias may go. The Hoch case is one of short imprisonment upon unquestioned facts. What resemblance has such a case to that of a man sentenced to death on testimony which he was admitted to have been perjured? Mr. Folk we take to be a brave man, and his own conclusions on the case must appeal to the unbiased mind. "I believe," he says, "that a labor union man should be punished for his crimes just like anybody else, but do not think it right to hang a man merely because he is a union man, irrespective of the facts. To have yielded to the demands of those who benchily clamored for the man's life when the evidence did not, in my opinion, show that he deserved death, would have been inhuman; to have allowed them to quench their thirst for his blood, in order to gratify their wish for an example to be held up to terrorize labor organizations, would have been cowardly. I think a laboring man is entitled to the same rights before the law as any one else—no more and no less. If this man had not been a union laborer, there would have been no one demanding the forfeit of his life, and there would have been no criticisms, attacks, and misrepresentation of motives because he was not hanged."—Exchange.

Governor Deneen's habit is to do what lies before him. He is a plain, blunt man, addicted not so much to theory or expression as to honesty and work. Many public functions and institutions in Illinois as elsewhere, have been for the sources of pie for politicians, and none of those statesmen expected to see the day when not only would future carving be forbidden, but actual disgorgement would be compelled. One Chicago critic recalls the mood of Shakespeare's Pistol: "Convey, the wise it call; Steal! foh; a fco for the phrase!" At any rate, the Governor decided that fees collected by state auditors and treasurers for the last thirty years had been collected in defiance of the law, and he has given notice that his Attorney-General will collect arrears even to the beginning. Some beneficiaries of this easy political morality have hastened to give up, although, of course it hurts. About \$100,000 is regained, and this amount is likely to be doubled. The total pie carved in defiance of the law, in this particular regard, is reckoned at \$321,001.63. The principle, moreover, is salutary in the extreme. It strikes at Republicans and Democrats with impartiality. And the Governor is going on. He is quiet, but he is thorough. State reformatory and charitable institutions, usually admirable fields for illicit gain, are receiving his attention. Deneen is undoing some of the work done by Governor Yates in this rich field; as he has done in the Park Department and elsewhere. Although he calls himself not a reformer, but a practical politician, he is making the parasitic group of statesmen wish that Mr. Deneen had never seen this earth; but the people's valuation of him grows.—Collier's.

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the headlines to be found daily in the newspapers of Oregon. The people of the state paid a high price to keep George C. Brownell in the senate from a Populist county.—Polk County Observer.

### PLAN FOR INSURANCE REFORMS.

The long-looked for report of the Armstrong insurance investigating committee of the New York legislature has at last been given out. It suggests that laws be enacted forbidding corporations from contributing to party campaign funds; urges that it be made a penal offense for officers of insurance companies to obtain loans or speculate in stocks of subsidiary companies; prohibits the control of such companies by insurance corporations; the mutual plan in insurance companies is made obligatory; greater powers are conferred on the department of insurance to enable it to supervise the actions of the companies more thoroughly than it does now; uniform schemes of policies are recommended; investments are to be confined to real estate mortgages and other safe interest-bearing bonds, and publicity is planned whereby the policyholders can have convenient information at all times regarding the management and the condition of the companies.

These are the principal features of the reforms urged by the committee to avert such wrongdoing by the insurance companies' officers or their friends as have been brought to light. As the members of the committee making the report are also members of the legislature now in session at Albany, there is a chance that their ideas may get into the statutes. New York has a larger interest than any other state in the general question of insurance reform. Nearly all the big companies make that state their headquarters. They do more business there than in any other state. There is a special incentive for New York to move promptly and intelligently in reforming some of the many evils in the life insurance management which has recently been exposed. Gov. Higgins has urged a thorough overhauling of the insurance regulations so as to meet the evils which have just been brought to light. Public sentiment in New York, as well as in the rest of the country, demands that the management of the life insurance companies be surrounded with safeguards which will protect the interest of the policy holders.

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