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WILL CLACKAMAS DO IT?

Men prominent in public life in other states, when confronted by a continue the active part in public affairs they had been maintaining until the cloud over their political horizon was removed. But in Clackamas county it seems to be considered one species of indorsement to be charged by a Federal grand jury with a crime against the government.

At any rate Senator Brownell evinces no desire or intention of seeking the place that unquestionably belongs to a man accused, as he is, of a violation of the Federal statutes in a conspiracy to defraud the govern-Instead, he brazenly parades himself before the people whom he has outraged as a legislator and seeks their suffrages for still another term, and in explanation of the charge against him, resorts to an alleged alibi to further deceive a constituency that has already tolerated too much.

As was stated in these columns last week, there must be something in the indictment against Senator Brownell, otherwise it would have been dismissed before this time. And it is the common report that the government authorities are in possession of strong evidence against the Clackamas county senator, evidence, in fact, that is equally if not more incriminating than that on which convictions have already been secured in the United States Circuit Court at

Are the voters of Clackamas County then going to indorse such a man for the highest office within their

The Republicans of Clackamas county have always been loyal in their support of President Roosevelt and the fundamental principles of Republicanism. The indorsement of such a man as Brownell under these conditions is nothing other than a slap in the face of Roosevelt whose administration is back of the pending prose-

And besides, in what an embarassing predicament wiuld the voters of this county be found if they nominate and elect Brownell, should be afterwards be convicted of the charge with which he is confronted? This result, Mr. Heney, the government's prosecutor, has stated, is reasonably assured, in view of the strong evidence in possession of the prosecu-

the government authorities get through with Brownell's alleged alibi, at the trial of the case, the absurdity of the Senator's only defense will be so thoroughly exposed that he will be surprised at himself for urging such a flimsy excuse in his

HIS CHARACTERISTIC ATTITUDE.

There is printed in this week's issue a cartoon in which is correctly portrayed Senator Brownell and his true position with respect to his constituency. He is an expert at working both fellows at the same time.

There is no more familiar sight to the people of Clackamas county than to see the Senator with one arm entwined about the neck of some voter, a further abuse and sacrifice of whose confidence is even then contemplated, and pouring into the listener's ears pledges of his intense earnestness and devotion to the every interest of the common people in all matters of important legislation. In his pockets at the same time are to be found in biding bills undertaking to regulate and control the various railroad and other corporations, the same having been referred to the committee of which he was either chairman or a member; and in his possession do these bills remain until he is satisfied that the time has arrived when the proper "arrangements" have been made by which all danger of the bills being passed is gone, or if that condition of things is not reached these measures are carried home without even being reported by the committee, as mementos of another legislative session in which he successfully duped the people to his own advantage in the service of the corporations by which he is so liberally compensated.

There is certainly ample room for study in the cartoon. And the voter will master the lesson. It is a phyalcal impossibility to serve the interests of the people and the corpora-tions at the same time. The interests of both are invariably directly opposed the one to the other. The people have come to realize this condition and demand on the part of their legislators a severance of these dual re-They have had enough of this double dealing by which the corporations always hold the winning hand.

The situation resolves itself into the question-the people or the corporations. Brownell is the salaried hireling of corporations and the people of Clackamas county know it. Do high school. to the voters of Clackamas county to cannot have too good schools. The the first spoken message was receivently generous in the provision for determine the matter, and Friday, efficiency of the public schools ed by him in his humble apartments, the rural free delivery service, allotelection, is the time.

TELL THE TRUTH, SENATOR.

At his meeting at Molalla Saturday, Senator Brownell told his audience that he advised the people of Oregon Power & Railway Company the freight the very best that are available. franchise that was asked for by that he said, was the reason the people of county a county high school. that section of the county do not now have an electric rallway line.

Railway Company the freight fran-chise that was asked for IF THAT county must be given an appraisement CORPORATE INTO THE FRAN- to the voters of the county and it CHISE A PROVISION REQUIRING they want a high school, it will be so THAT IT BUILD ITS LINE TO MO-decided at the election in June.

truth, a fact that makes his deliberate falsifying the more inexcusable.

LALLA AND THE SOUTH END OF

Railway Company, for which Senator institution. Brownell is the salaried sentative at Oregon City, subscribed to the provision that was asked by the people of Oregon City to be in-Federal indictment, have ceased to term franchise would have been granted and the Molalla people and the other residents of the south end of the county would ultimately have had an electric railway line, an extension of

Try and keep somewhere in sight of

the truth. Senator. Blame for the refusal of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company to agree to this desired condition in the franchise, is traceable largely to Senhimself, as Brownell. representative and advisor of the street railway company in this city. It is entirely too thin a proposition for the Senator to carry water on both shoulders in this instance. Before the Senator is through with the present campaign he will learn that at no time is misrepresentation a substitute for argument, even when the latter is a commodity entirely lacking, as it is in his case.

HOW THE GAME IS WORKED.

The memory of how Senator Brownell worked the laboring men and secured their votes four years ago on the strength of the eight-hour law he proposed to enact for them, is still No one really believed that Brownell ever intended to work for such a law, much less to have the same enacted, but he fooled the voters just the same, and at this he is

When Brownell was forced into agreeing to support and work for such a law, he subscribed to a pledge covering the subject but shortly before the time for election a laborer, employed at work other than that covered in the proposed bill, called on Brownell and after being escorted into the Senator's private office a conversation, substantially as follows, took place: It is taught in the public schools of "In this pledge you have signed to Japan, Mexico, and some other foreign

work at which I am employed is not twisting, time-consuming superfluities. included in the list of corporations Tho, thru, tuf, and kof look strange at named in your pledge," stated the first sight, but have at least the merit interested visitor, "and if we are go of self-explanatory directness. Amering to have an eight hour law, let's icans somehow managed to drop a have one that covers all these lines needless vowel from such words similar employment."

which I am pledged will ever be enact-That pladge is calculaten, do you ed, do you? That pledge is calculatthe votes of the laboring men. about the game and how it is played."

When the untutored constituent came too, he staggered out of the office of the Senator wondering what things too fast. A study of how or in the world he had called for.

CO-OPERATION.

We have from time to time had much to say of the advantages that, under intelligent direction coupled with reasonable effort, are certain to accrue to the producer. Proof of this fact is not required but we like to cite instances where this plan of operation has resulted so advantageously for all concerned.

There is operated on a co-operative basis, within a few miles of this city, a creamery known as the Clear Creek Creamery Company. The product of he dairies residing in that part of the country contiguous to this butter making plant, is gathered and transnorted to the creamery, a considerable mount of money being in turn disributed each month when the settle-

ments are made. A short time ago, at a business meeting, the old board of directors was re elected for the ensuing year. At this same meeting there was submitted a report showing that during the year just ended, this creamery manufacturd 95,828 pounds of butter. For this product \$24,177.51 was received. This netted the farmer an average for the year of 241/2 cents per pound

for his butter fat. portant factors in maintaining prosperous conditions locally in any com-Every month, as has been stated, there is distributed a considerable sum of money among the farmers for their cream. The farmer realizes good returns from his dairy and la prosperous and contented, while the consumer is supplied with a product in the way of creamery butter that

cannot be surpassed. Let's have more such enterprises in Clackamas county.

A COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL.

efficiency of the public schools ed by him in his humble apartments. the rural free delivery service, allotthroughout the county should be increased. The compensation of teachevolution of an idea can be followed crease of \$3,080,000 over the approREV. W. H. WETTLAUFER, Pastor. April 20, at the primary nominating throughout the county should be in-

ers should be advanced as a most direct means of attaining such a result. With under-paid teachers, it cannot be expected that the best of instructors can be secured. Then increase City to grant to the Oregon Water the stipend of the teacher and employ

But we are drifting away from our company several weeks ago. Because subject. The voters are to pass on the city refused to grant the franchise, the question of establishing in this subject. The voters are to pass on such an institution is needed goes without saying or question. But with But the Senator did not tell the truth | the starting and in the maintaining of such an institution there must come The people of Oregon City offered slightly increased taxes. But the ado give the Oregon Water Power & vantages of higher education that will COMPANY WOULD AGREE TO IN- in considering this matter. It is up

That voters may have an under-THE COUNTY, WITHIN A REASON- standing of the subject, the Enterprise this week publishes an article The Senator knows this to be the on the high school question, the man ner in which the same may be secured and a general idea of the cost of Had the Oregon Water Power & establishing and maintaining such an

SIMPLIFIED SPELLING

The new thing that has happened in corporated in the franchise, the long the orthographic field of the English language is the appearance of an "angel" willing to pay the cost of system atic efforts to bring about logical and long-desired improvements. Campaigns, political and other, can not be the O. W. P. Company's system, that waged without the money needed for would have connected them with this legitimate purposes. Offices and halls for public meetings must be rented and clerks and other assistants employed. Bills for printing, advertising and general publicity must be paid. Beacon lights must be set where they will be visible. Mr. Carnegie's characteristically liberal offer to provide for the war chest of the simplified spelling board just organized in New York places orthographic progress on a new Phonetic reformers, working singly or in groups, have been numerous, but never before had the backing of superabundant wealth. In many cases they offered individualized projects, and would consent to nothing except their own particular doxy Many of them proposed changes in alphabetic characters as well as spelling, and their printed pages had an aspect of almost heathenish novelty. But a people move deliberately in language modifications. The best the spelling board can hope for is to make haste slowly, and it wisely runs up the flag of simplification.

English orthography has changed much from time to time without organized or other known direction. A comparison of the books of to-day with those of a hundred years ago shows the extent of the spontaneous or accidental alterations. The spelling of Edmund Spenser, though he wrote but 300 years ago, is now something of a puzzle. His faerle is our fairy, and there are other variants. Fairy serves the purpose and is not likely to be disturbed. It seems to be practically settled that English will be the universal language. It is spoken today by a tenth of the world's population. support and work for an eight hour countries. Its spelling should be law. Senator, I find that the line of freed from absurdities and brainlabour and honour, and they intro-"Why, my dear fellow," retorted the duced a "z" in civilization, organiza-"you do not for a minute tion and kindred words, because it think that any such a law as that to gave the true sound. The English still stick to the old form and conservatively growl at the innovation.

The simplified spelling board can able to say, "I told you so." not speak with the authority of the Thought you understood politics a lit- French academy. It must proceed pertle, but I see you don't know anything suasively and should develop a calm capacity to be laughed at now and then. It means well, and is entitled to a hearing. It should avoid pushing thography has changed without design would facilitate its labors. The Italian "perruquier" was not many years in passing through a fortuitous transformation into the English "wig. On inspection the successive steps are seen to be easy. It is but two short strides from the Italian word to the peruke" of the French and the "periwig" of the English. Then came the colloquial shortening of the word to 'wig," which looks like an every day stayer. By the way, there is a letter written by Andrew Jackson in which he spelled "Whig," in three different A hundred years from now spellers of English, moving along the line of least resistance, ought to stand on firmer ground. Spelling in German, Italian and Spanish is now phonetic, but it was not always thus. Reforms are practicable even inevitable, English orthography also.-St Louis Globe-Democrat.

RISE OF MODERN INVENTION.

March 10 was the thirtieth anniver- up. sary of the day on which the first telephone message was heard by the inventor and his assistant. The place was the upper floor of a boarding house in Boston, where experiments on paying "Andy" Hamilton's board had been going on for nearly a year. It was in 1874 that Alexander Graham Such enterprises as these are im- Bell, a professor of vocal physiology in the Boston university, became con- fices and Post Roads has just completvinced that several Morse dot-anddash messages could be transmitted the mail service of the United States at the same time over a single wire. for the coming year. The bill is one In dealing with this subject his next of the biggest and most important apidea was to utilize the sympathetic propriation bills of the session, carvibration of strings attuned to each rying as it does an appropriation of other. Beginning with harmonic tele- more than \$191,000,000. This is greatgraph experiments in 1874, conducted er even than the Pension Bill and is in his room, with clock springs as the one out of which the general public main part of his apparatus, he gradu- will get vastly more service if not ally worked over into electro-magnet satisfaction. The appropriation as appliances. It was then that Bell outlined cuts under the estimates of reached the conclusion that the tele- the Department, but it is figured by graphing of speech was possible, and the committee that it is so framed as the true principle he announced to to largely reduce the rapidly growing Among the important questions on his associate was that such transmis- deficit in the department. If the inwhich the voters of Clackamas county slon would depend on an instrument creases of mail keeps up in the ratio will vote in June is that of a county securing analogous vibrations. It was that has held good for past years, the on June 2, 1875, that Bell succeeded deficit of the service will be reduced You want a further service of misrep— The standard of public schools can—in sending by electricity the quality from over \$14,500,000 to less than \$10, resentation from this man? It is up not be too high. Clackamas county of a sound, and in the following March 000,000. The committee has been de-

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in halting steps. In fact, the original idea went through a transformation, and some of the electrical results produced were not expected or planned, but the main conception was correct. The snapping of a spring, the first sound exactly reproduced, may called accidental, but the foundation had been laid, and the conditions sought were recognized when happen ed upon. Many special difficulties had be investigated and removed before the invention was given to the public, and long after that were encountered balks not easily surmount-

The messages at length became so sure that in the following summer the invention was exhibited at the Philadelphia centennial. Among those who examined it there was the eminent British scientist, Lord Kelvin, who expressed his delight, and reported that "This, perhaps the greatest marvel hitherto achieved by the electric telegraph, has been obtained by appliances of quite a homespun and rudimentary character." In the fall of the same year messages were distinctly sent over two miles of wire between Boston and Cambridgeport.

A company to introduce the telephone commercially began operations in the spring of 1877, and, shortly after, Bell tried to send messages between Boston and New York, but long distance lines were a disappointment until an inventor introduced harddrawn copper wire. The requisite conditions are an old story now, when Boston easily carries on a conversa tion with Omaha, but many were the critical times when experiments seem ed to indicate failure in certain of the utilities now grown commonplace. In its early years the telephone was look ed on as only a curiosity, but today its wires reach everywhere, and its sub scribers are numbered by millions. It goes to the farms as well as cities and villages, and is an intimate part of business and social life. Great is the indebtedness of the world to American inventors whose activity is a sort of inspiration. They do not always realize their ideas, but they are seldom second in reaching the truth that lies at the bottom of the well.-Exchange.

It would be interesting if Gen. Grosvenor would outline a plan for retiring superanuated congressmen.

When the ground hog comes out again next month he will at least be

Col. Byran is now wondering whether Judge Parker forgot that Nebraska was not exactly in the South.

matter it could furnish for the govern-From a congressional standpoint,

If Russia only had a free press just

now, what a lot of interesting reading

the chief trouble with the Consular Reform Bill is that it contains too much reform. It is reported that Vice President

Fairbanks strongly recommended Secretary Root for the Supreme bench. Senator Tillman announces that to

his great regret he is compelled to agree with the President on the railway rate question. It is about time for China to con-

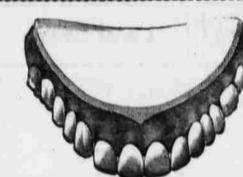
tribute a little information on the

subject of that constitution that everyone else is outlining for her. The graduating class at Annapolis has not combined to keep down schol-

arship averages. It has merely been too busy with other things to keep it

The life insurance trustees must think by this time that it would have been cheaper for them to have kept bill in Paris.

The House Committee on Post-Ofed the appropriation bill that will feed



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priation for the coming year. Considering the fact that the extension of the rural free delivery service has done more than almost anything else except the telephone to make life in the country not only endurable but pleasant and has helped to stem the rush of the country population to the cities, this item may be considered a

judicious expenditure. There has not been a very large, but still reasonable increase in the pay of the lower grade clerks. An appropriation has been made to arbi trarily raise the salaries of 5,000 of them in the grades ranging from \$600 to \$1000. This may not be considered as pure philanthropy either as it was found that some addition to this low range of salaries was necessary to keep desirable men in the service.

The franking privilege has not been entirely cut off as was recommended in Postmaster General Cortelyou's last report, but the sort of articles franked has been much restricted and there is no longer any likelihood of a new member coming to Washington and franking all his furniture and kitchen untensils from his home town.

Provision has been made for more rigidly inspecting the mails to see that the railroads do not get more than is coming to them on the transportation of second class matter, and all provisions seem to have been made to insure smooth working of the great system without undue extravagance The general features of the bill seem to be good, and the department is one that is so closely in touch with the public that any reasonable expenditure for its maintenance can hardly be

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