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CORPORATIONS VERSUS THE PEOPLE

PORTER OR BROWNELL

JOHN R. COLE, OF MOLALLA, REVIEWS THE SITUATION.

He Considers That Time Has Arrived For Retirement of Corporation Senator.

After hearing all that I have about the Senatorial contest between L. L. Porter and George C. Brownell, the political spirit moves me to say just a few words before the fatal blow falls which will place the name of L. L. Porter or George C. Brownell at the head of our County ticket. I hope that every Republican in Clackamas County is just as anxious to see the right name there as I am and I believe they are, but from the various reports that we hear, there seems to be some difference in opinions as to which is the right man for the place. These aspirants have both spoken at Molalla and I have attended both meetings. Mr. Porter had with him three copies of the Senate Journals from which he reviewed Mr. Brownell's record as a legislator, as it appears in black and white, and in each instance it appears just as his record has appeared to us in print through the various news journals of the county and state. Now, I would like to ask the friends of Mr. Brownell, if he has any, what he has done for us in the two years that he has represented this county at the legislature that we should be so devoted to him as to be

plained how it happened to be so easy for Brownell to vote for that bill. They tried to smother it to death in the committee room, but failed and its friends forced it to a vote and Brownell was the last man called. It had received a large majority so why should he not vote for it?

Mr. Brownell laid great stress on amount of money Mr. Porter has been getting for doing county printing. That is a matter that is in the hands of the County Court. If they paid Mr. Porter an exorbitant price they are surely to blame, and why did not Mr. Brownell get a bill passed to relieve the county of this printing when printing was high and not wait until it has got down to just a few hundred a year and then blow about the nonsense of printing the delinquent tax list? Because he is just about four years behind with his idea as the same as he is about the separate appropriation bill. Wait till the people hold it up and then howl about the necessity of a separate appropriation bill.

I was amused at Brownell's bragging about the Referendum. It had made it possible for the people to get this direct primary law. He did not make the primary law, but he made the law that made it possible. So we, the people, could vote for a United States Senator just as though we were capable of voting for a United States Senator, some man that lives off down to Portland, Salem or some where else when we haven't got sense enough to vote for a road supervisor that lives in our own neighborhood. Wouldn't that beat you? Bright idea, George, bright idea, indeed.

In Brownell's speech at Molalla, he heaped indignation on the little "peanut" lawyers of Oregon City, as well as the business men. He said they would not give the O.W.P. Co a franchise to get through their streets so they could build out to the south end of the county and make our farms worth twice as much as they are at present. Then he produced a letter from Mr. Morris, the President and owner of the O. W. P. Co., addressed to the voters of Clackamas County, asking them to support Mr. Brownell.

Will Clackamas County Voters Indorse Brownell Salaried Agent of Corporations, In Friday's Primary Election?

DEMANDING CLEANER POLITICS

Voters Would Renovate Conditions in Clackamas County and Are Tired of Trust Rule.

Corporations versus the people. That is precisely the situation in Clackamas county. That is the main issue in the campaign that ends with Friday's election. The corporations are openly supporting Brownell whose renomination and re-election they are demanding. While these very interests have always supported Brownell, they have in the past done so quietly. But this year they have made no attempt to disguise the fact. They have written letters indorsing Brownell and pledging him their support and hearty assistance in his candidacy. These letters were written by the officials of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company and the Southern Pacific Company. In addition, both of these corporations are representing that Brownell is the only logical candidate for the Senate at this time. They recommend him to the favorable consideration of the voters.

And why? Is it because he is antagonistic to their best interests? Is it because he will introduce and support legislative measures that will give the people reasonable and respectable treatment at the hands of corporations? Is it because he will work for the enactment of laws compelling a reduction in the freight and passenger tariffs of these corpora-

submit as a claim to the further suffrages of the people? Nothing. The every interest of the common people has been sacrificed. His is a record of unbroken pledges, unfulfilled promises, all backed up by a Federal indictment on which he awaits trial.

This is the sort of man that asks for a further indorsement at the hands of an outraged constituency. Will the people of Clackamas county longer tolerate Brownell and his methods? Has the past afforded reasonable grounds for expecting anything in the future? The voters, therefore, are acquainted with the situation in every detail. Brownell is known as the tool and hired agent of corporations. He is being openly supported by corporations whose interests he has always served and in whose interests he may be expected to labor further.

These facts are known to the voters of Clackamas county. It can not be said afterward that their action on the 20th inst was based on other than an intelligent knowledge of the situation. They know Brownell is the hired tool of corporations, is faced with a Federal indictment on which he must go to trial. L. L. Porter, who is opposing Mr. Brownell for this nomination,

CANDIDATE FOR REPUBLICAN NOMINATION AS STATE TREASURER

TO THE VOTERS AND CITIZENS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY:— Nearly two years ago, after consultation with many of the citizens of this county, I made the announcement that at this time I would be a candidate for the Republican nomination as State Treasurer and from all parts of the county I received encouragement and proffers of support, as it seemed to be nearly the unanimous opinion that Clackamas County, the oldest in the State, should have recognition by the selection of one of its citizens for a state officer, it having as yet never received that honorable distinction; since that time I have also corresponded with many of the most prominent members of the Republican Party in all parts of the State and have received much encouragement together with the acknowledgment that in their opinion our county is entitled to a place upon the state ticket; they have stated however,



JUDGE THOS. F. RYAN, OF OREGON CITY

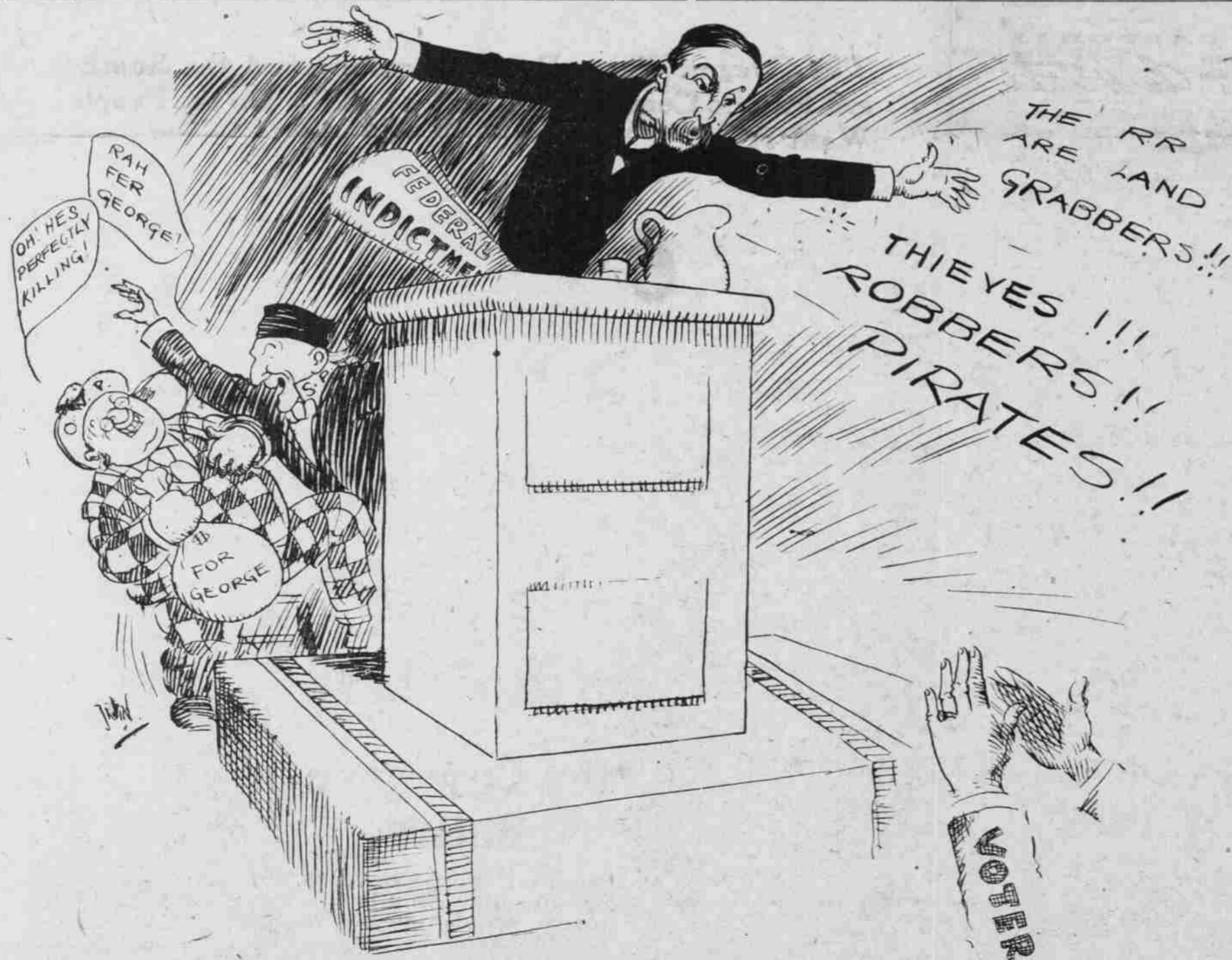
Conceded now to be the people's choice for the office and as far in the lead of his competitors.

Judge Ryan is neither officer, stockholder, agent or employee of any banking concern and stands squarely on the platform that

"The funds of the State should not be used for the benefit of any particular bank or money loaning institution; that all moneys of the State deposited in banks by the State Treasurer should draw interest which should be paid into the State Treasury. That the State Treasurer be prohibited from speculating with the state funds in any manner, and that he receive no other salary or remuneration for his services than the salary allowed him under the law; that the State Treasurer be prohibited from having interest, directly or indirectly, either as officer, stockholder, agent or employee of any banking institution in which any of the moneys of the State are deposited or loaned."

that the reason that we have not been recognized in this matter before is that we have never been united in our demand for recognition; that jealousy and faction prevails among us to the extent that no good man can receive the united support of old Clackamas. Wherever I have been I have denied this statement as false and malicious, and that with a few exceptions, no men are more loyal and true to the interests of their county and its inhabitants than you men of old Clackamas. I have been twice honored by you in being elected as your county Judge and I can assure you that I have appreciated your kindness and have always endeavored to perform every trust and duty in connection with said office without prejudice or partiality and to your satisfaction; when I was first elected the county was deeply in debt and I promised you that I should labor unceasingly to relieve you of same, and proud am I to state at this time, that after years of labor and discouragement, my word has been made good and today, in the Treasury of our County is sufficient funds to pay every outstanding obligation owing by Clackamas County, and I hope that never again will our great county be compelled to pay the large interest charges which for the past 24 years have assisted in making out tax rate so high; I am also proud to call your attention to the fact that your present corps of county officers have systemized and performed the work and duties of the county so well and economically that the cost has been reduced the last few years more than one half, and today the business of our county is conducted at less expense by a large percent than any other county in the state of its size and inhabitants. While for the first time in over a quarter of a century Clackamas County is practically out of debt, I am well aware that this very satisfactory state of affairs has not been attained without some sacrifice and denial and the refusal by your County Court at times to enter into every laudable project or undertaking, has subjected us to criticism. Never, my friends, have we refused to enter into any of these projects without regret on the part of us all, but you as well as we knew, that we could not pay off our large indebtedness, and at the same time spend our entire income on other undertakings, however laudable they were laudable they were. As it is now, my

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Brownell in his celebrated "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" role.

asked to place his name at the head of our county ticket and not only his name, but a federal indictment along with it?

Now I don't want to do Mr. Brownell any injustice. I want that he should be given credit for all the good he has done, if he has done any; all we want is to find the good before he gets the credit. He did, it's true, work for the referendum after Mr. U'Ren was defeated, but it was introduced by Mr. U'Ren and the Populist Party and afterwards indorsed by the Republican party, also by nearly every voter in this County as well as the State, and what could he do but work for it or get out if he can help it.

It was a good deal like the fellow-servant law that Brownell brags so much about and says if he was a friend of the railroads he could not have voted for it. But Mr. Porter ex-

I wonder why Mr. Morris wants Mr. Brownell elected if he is as great an enemy of the railroads as he claims to be?

I guess when Brownell read that letter to the audience he forgot he had spent about fifteen minutes in the first of his speech to try to prove that he was a great enemy of all the corporations and they were all fighting him, he surely caught himself that time, but he did not think that any of us green farmers would notice it.

Now if Brownell is the great man he claims to be, why does he come before the people asking for this nomination while under indictment? He says he will have it cleared away inside of thirty days, but he has been saying that it would be dismissed ever since the federal grand jury favored him with it, but it still sticks to him and I suppose will until he proves (Continued on page 8.)

tions? Certainly not.

The support of Brownell by these corporations is a selfish proposition. Brownell during his twelve years' service in the State Senate has proven an especially valuable man to corporate interests in matters of legislation. He has demonstrated his usefulness. His services are desired further by these corporations who applaud him as just the man for the contingency, the only logical candidate for nomination and election as State Senator from Clackamas county.

But has not Clackamas county been manipulated long enough by Brownell? Voters have reasonably expected that in a twelve years' stewardship something in the way of definite results and in the interest of the common people might be expected, but we would ask, what has Brownell to

stands for cleaner political conditions in Clackamas county than that to which the people of the county have been subjected during the last twelve years.

The situation, then, is right up to the voters of the county. If a better order of things is desired, it is within the power of the people themselves to effect the change. Every voter has an individual responsibility in the matter. He should discharge that responsibility by taking part in Friday's election.

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