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FRIDAY'S ELECTION.

Of great importance is Friday's election. It is important because for the first time will the people of the state take a hand directly in nominating candidates for office. From the registration of voters, which is surprisingly large, it may be expected that a big vote will be polled. Interest in a campaign was never greater in Clackamas County. Meetings everywhere have been largely attended and the addresses of all speakers have been received with attention.

The position of the various candidates is understood. In the very thorough canvass that has been conducted, the particular interests, if there were any, back of each candidate, have been exposed to the public view. So the voters are not without information as to the position of every candidate and what may be expected of him. So if any mistakes are made, the people themselves will be directly to blame.

CORPORATIONS VS. THE PEOPLE.

In the campaign that closes with Friday's election, the Enterprise in fulfilling the duty it believes is due the public, has given considerable time and attention to exposing Senator Brownell and his methods. We have done this because we believed that the people should know just where candidates for office stand, what interests they represent and what may be expected of them in event of their nomination and election.

We have shown that Senator Brownell is notoriously the candidate of the corporations, that he is receiving their open support in the campaign, that he carries with him letters from the O. W. P. Company and the Southern Pacific Company, in which he is endorsed by those companies as the logical candidate for the State Senate. But this is not all. We have called attention to the fact that Brownell is under indictment by a Federal grand jury and is out on \$4000 bonds awaiting the trial of his case.

The people of Clackamas county have for some time desired a cleaner order of things politically than that by which the county has been so grossly outraged and disgraced. They feel that the time has arrived for a house-cleaning. In the case now before the people, the voters constitute the jury and their verdict will be returned Friday. If the retirement of the man who has dominated Clackamas county politics for twelve years and an end placed to his methods, is desired, it is within the power of the people themselves to bring this about. But if they are satisfied with the present order of things, then perpetuate in office the man whose record consists of a succession of broken pledges, the prostitution of the public interest to corporation greed, and, lastly, practices that have caused his indictment by a Federal grand jury.

The voters are in possession of these facts. They know what the situation offers for them. They have only themselves to blame for the selection that is made.

A LOCAL SITUATION.

Can any other county than Clackamas be imagined in which a public official under indictment for assisting to defraud the Government would have the effrontery to seek a further continuance in his official capacity? Or can you conceive of any other public man than George C. Brownell, the gentleman from Clackamas, who possesses the unblinking nerve and surprising audacity that is required even in his case to brace up a candidacy before a constituency he has so grossly outraged and betrayed, who would dare go before the people and ask for their suffrage before he had first established his innocence of any crime charged in a Federal indictment that stands against him?

But it remains to be seen if the people of this county on Friday will endorse such conditions. They have been repeatedly fooled by this wily politician, the salaried hireling of corporations, until their patience has no further endurance. Now, with a federal indictment facing him along with his other short-comings, there is presented to the voters of Clackamas county a dose that is too bitter to take, especially when the prospects of receiving any benefit, as past experience has demonstrated, is so remote.

WILL CLACKAMAS DO IT?

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 government. Instead, he has paraded brazenly 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. 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 Portland.

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

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 prosecution of these offenders.

And besides, in what an embarrassing predicament would the voters of

this county be found if they nominate and elect Brownell, should he 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 prosecution.

There is every reason to believe that those who have looked for canal legislation at this session of Congress are to be disappointed. The opinion grows that the interminable making of testimony is only a part of a consistent policy of delay and obstruction.

The Senate is popularly known as "The House of Detention" and it is likely to justify its name in Canal matter. There has really been no progress in Canal affairs since the vacillations between Panama and

Nicaragua were settled for all by Mark Hanna and the grave discussions between the lock and sea level types are really a sort of a dead lock with the Senate as much as ever as to which is to be chosen. In the meantime sentiment is growing in favor of individual responsibility as opposed to responsibility vested in commissions and yet stronger approval of doing the work of construction by contract.

The figures go to show that the coal miners have been getting high wages as compared with former years and the operators have been making larger per centages of profit than ever before. Nevertheless the strike has been declared and it is the consumer who must pay the bills while the miner and operator divide the profits.

BROWNELL'S LETTER

MR. BROWNELL IS OUT IN A CIRCULAR LETTER ASKING THE PEOPLE OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY TO RENOMINATE HIM TO THE STATE SENATE FOR THE FOURTH TERM. IN HIS LETTER HE SAYS HE STANDS BY HIS RECORD AS CONTAINED IN THE SENATE JOURNALS. HE SAYS AT NO TIME HAS HE EVER ACTED IN THE INTEREST OF THE RAILROADS OR OTHER CORPORATIONS. IF THAT IS TRUE, WHY DID HE STRANGLE IN THE COMMITTEE SENATE BILL NO. 130 AND SENATE BILL 137 IN THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF 1899? THESE WERE BILLS THAT THE RAILROADS WERE BITTERLY OPPOSED TO AND THEY WERE REFERRED TO THE RAILROAD COMMITTEE OF WHICH MR. BROWNELL WAS CHAIRMAN AND HE NEVER ALLOWED THEM TO GET BEFORE THE SENATE FOR CONSIDERATION. ONE OF THESE BILLS REDUCED THE PASSENGER RATE ON RAILROADS AND THE OTHER REQUIRED PULLMAN AND SLEEPING CAR COMPANIES TO PAY A TAX. IN WHOSE INTEREST WAS BROWNELL WORKING, THE RAILROADS OR THE PEOPLE, WHEN HE SMOTHERED THESE BILLS IN COMMITTEE? HE ONLY VOTED FOR THE FELLOW SERVANT LAW AFTER EVERY OTHER MEMBER OF THE SENATE HAD VOTED FOR IT, HIS NAME AS PRESIDING OFFICER, BEING CALLED LAST. HE WOULD HAVE VOTED AGAINST THE MEASURE IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY CHANCE TO DEFEAT IT.

IN THE LAST SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE, THAT OF 1905, MR. BROWNELL AFTER TRYING TO KILL IN COMMITTEE THE KILLINGSWORTH BILL, DODGED THE ISSUE AND HID WHERE THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS COULD NOT FIND HIM WHEN THE FRIENDS OF THIS BILL FORCED IT TO AN ISSUE. HE KNEW THE PEOPLE WOULD CONDEMN HIM IF HE VOTED AGAINST IT AND THE RAILROADS WOULD CONDEMN HIM IF HE VOTED FOR IT. NUMEROUS OTHER MEASURES OF THIS KIND COULD BE CITED.

MR. BROWNELL SAYS THAT HE PASSED THE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM MEASURE IN THE LEGISLATURE. EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT THIS MEASURE WAS DRAWN BY A COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THE LEADING CITIZENS OF THE STATE. MR. BROWNELL HAD NO MORE TO DO WITH ITS PASSAGE THAN ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE WHO VOTED FOR IT AND I BELIEVE EVERY MEMBER FROM CLACKAMAS COUNTY VOTED FOR THIS MEASURE, AT LEAST I DID.

IF MR. BROWNELL IS NOT THE AGENT AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RAILROAD COMPANIES, WHY DO THEY GIVE HIM PASSES TO GIVE OUT WITH SUCH A LAVISH HAND? WHY DOES MR. MORRIS, OF THE O. W. P., and MR. FIELDS, OF THE S. P. WRITE LETTERS HELPING HIM IN HIS PRESENT CAMPAIGN? WHY DOES THE O. W. P. RUN SPECIAL CARS TO HIS MEETINGS AND CARRY PEOPLE FREE OF CHARGE?

MR. BROWNELL SAYS THAT HE IS A POOR MAN, THAT HIS PROPERTY WOULD NOT PAY HIS DEBTS; YET HE SPENDS FROM \$100 TO \$200 ON EACH OF HIS POLITICAL MEETINGS. WHERE DOES THIS MONEY COME FROM? WHO FURNISHES IT? THERE CAN BE BUT ONE ANSWER. THE RAILROADS.

MR. BROWNELL SAYS HE TRIED TO PASS THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW. IT IS KNOWN THAT HE DID NOTHING OF THE KIND, THAT HE PROMISED TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE IN ORDER TO GET THE LABOR VOTE OF OREGON CITY AND THEN LAUGHED ABOUT HOW EASILY HE HAD TAKEN THEM IN.

MR. BROWNELL TO PREJUDICE THE PEOPLE MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT CONCERNING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY PAID FOR THE COUNTY PRINTING. THE PRINTING OF THE DELINQUENT TAX LIST WHEN GANONG WAS SHERIFF COST THE COUNTY \$2800. LAST YEAR THE ENTERPRISE RECEIVED \$156.75 FOR THE SAME WORK, AND THIS WAS LARGELY BROUGHT ABOUT THROUGH THE PRESENT TAX LAW WHICH WAS FRAMED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION OF THE STATE SENATE OF WHICH COMMITTEE I WAS A MEMBER. THE PRESENT LAW IS MUCH MORE STRINGENT ON DELINQUENT TAXES THAN THE OLD LAW AND ITS EFFECT ON THE PUBLISHING OF THE DELINQUENT TAX LIST IS SHOWN BY THE FIGURES OF \$156.75 FOR LAST YEAR AND \$2800 A FEW YEARS AGO. IF I WAS WORKING IN MY OWN INTEREST, RATHER THAN THAT OF THE COUNTY, I WOULD HAVE WORKED AGAINST THIS MEASURE, RATHER THAN IN MAKING IT A LAW.

AS TO BROWNELL'S INDICTMENT, HE INDUCED FRED SIEVERS TO GO DOWN TO THE UNITED STATES COURT AND SWEAR TO A LOT OF FALSEHOODS IN ORDER TO PREVENT AND PROTECT HIM, BROWNELL, FROM BEING INDICTED ALONG THE SAME LINES THAT MELDRUM WAS. BROWNELL WAS IN GRAVE DANGER OF FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MELDRUM AND BEING INDICTED AND TRIED FOR PRACTICALLY THE SAME CRIME OF WHICH MELDRUM WAS CONVICTED. HE WAS WILLING TO HAVE SIEVERS GO INTO THE UNITED STATES COURT AND PERJURE HIMSELF TO SAVE BROWNELL FROM INDICTMENT. YET AFTER GETTING THIS MAN TO COMMIT THIS PERJURY BROWNELL IS NOW ABUSING SIEVERS FOR BEING CAUGHT AT IT. IF SIEVERS HAD SUCCEEDED IN FOOLING THE UNITED STATES COURT AND NOT BEEN CAUGHT AT THE PERJURY THAT BROWNELL INDUCED HIM TO COMMIT TO SAVE BROWNELL'S NECK, THEN BROWNELL WOULD HAVE CONSIDERED SIEVERS A SHARP, BRIGHT MAN. BUT FOR SIEVERS TO BE CAUGHT AND INVOLVE BROWNELL, IS THE GREATEST CRIME THAT SIEVERS COULD COMMIT.

L. L. PORTER.

Importance of the Teeth

When a pretty girl parts rosy lips and reveals decayed teeth, inflamed gums and a disagreeable breath, how quickly the charm is dispelled, and how painful and mortifying must it be to her to be the victim of such a condition.

Many ladies whose faces are unattractive in repose, become positively charming when their smiles reveal clean, white teeth, well cared for.

Though ladies may be dressed in the richest apparel, with eyes enchanting and features perfect, if they have decayed and broken teeth, diseased gums and foul breath, their friends cannot approach them without a feeling of repugnance.

In twenty-four hours we breath twenty-five thousand times. What must be the effect on the delicate structure of the lungs when for days, months and years the air we breathe is drawn through a depository of filth and poisoned by being mixed with effluvia rising from decayed and ulcerated teeth?

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L. L. PICKENS

Dentist

Weinhard Building,

Opposite Court House

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER

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fellow citizen, I can congratulate you and also myself, that no County in all our great State stands higher in the matter of financial credit and modern improvements and conditions than old Clackamas. I have endeavored to conduct the business intrusted by you to me economically, wisely and well, and appreciate the fact that the loyal support and good will that I have received from nearly all of you has enabled me to make the showing outlined above.

I am a candidate for the Republican nomination as State Treasurer and with the united and loyal support of you men of Clackamas I can get it. As boy and man for 25 years I have been with you, never for one instant forgetting that the interests of Clackamas County and its inhabitants were mine, nor losing sight of the fact that I have always had the respect and support of so many of you. In this contest for nomination as State Treasurer I am opposed by Bankers and interested Corporations who want the funds of the State controlled by their employees, so that they may have the use of the same, without giving the state any return. None of them stand on the platform that I do, and which I believe is the one that the people have a right to demand, and which is simply this: "The moneys of the State belong to the people of the State, and when used by Bank or Corporation should draw interest, which interest should be paid into the State Treasury, and not be divided between the State Treasurer and the officers and stockholders of Banks, that the State Treasurer should be prohibited from receiving anything more for his services than the salary allowed him under the law; that he should not be interested either as officer, stockholder, agent or employee of any bank or institution, where the funds of the state are deposited or loaned."

None of the other candidates for this nomination, with the exception of A. C. Jennings are in favor of either working for the salary fixed by law or the payment of the interest received from the banks where state funds are deposited, into the State Treasury; with great pleasure would I meet them or either of them upon the platform and defend the stand that I have taken in this matter; I feel that you and every disinterested citizen of the State will agree with me that the position I have taken is right. In conclusion I desire to state, that if I am fortunate enough to be elected as your State Treasurer, that I will perform every duty in connection with said office so faithfully and well, that it will give satisfaction to every citizen of our county, and will make the State at large admit that the men of Clackamas are all right.

Trusting that I may have your support at the primaries on the 20th day of April, I remain as ever sincerely yours,
 THOMAS F. RYAN.

The Smithfield ham has long been famous, but the beef trust has not yet come around to putting "Garfield hams" on the market.

Secretary Taft has declared to the Military Committee of the Senate, that "young lieutenants should not burden themselves with wives on their present army pay." This order is good as far as it goes, but perhaps the present pay might be sufficient for a man and his family if the preposterous regulations which require an officer to have three or four times as many clothes as a civilian requires were modified.

The New Jersey legislature has appropriated \$350,000 for fighting mosquitoes this summer resort managers who advertise there are no mosquitoes in New Jersey.

Mr. Benjamin F. Barnes, Assistant Secretary at the White House, has been appointed city Postmaster in Washington. His appointment was made by the President without consulting anyone in Washington or elsewhere and the oldest paper in the city is in a state of great indignation, claiming it an outrage, a subversion of local rights, sensibilities and so forth. It was doubtless refreshing to the President to be able to appoint one person thoroughly known and tried by himself and without the annoyance of having to listen to the tiresome recommendations perfunctory and otherwise of the friends of a dozen rival candidates. Mr. Barnes had forced upon him an unenviable notoriety because some weeks ago, it was necessary for him to call upon the police to remove from the White House a

boisterous and recalcitrant, but well dressed woman. This Washington paper with Senator Tillman of South Carolina and Congressman Sheppard of Texas, tried hard to make a National issue of this incident utterly without significance. Mr. Barnes will doubtless make an excellent postmaster. He is known and esteemed by Postmaster General Cortelyou, who was associated with him when he was Secretary to the President. They were long together in the White House and will now again be under the same roof for the city post office is situated in the same massive building known as the United States Post Office Department.

Sarah Bernhardt was compelled to play in a tent in Texas because of the Theatre syndicate which closed the houses to her. In Canada the populace turned out and pelted her with old eggs because she criticized Canadians. Evidently Sarah has hit on a better advertising scheme than that of having her diamonds stolen.

Senator Platt is enthusiastically in favor of reducing the amount of public matter turned out by the Government. The Express companies which he represents in the Senate have never been given the contract to distribute it.

J. P. Morgan has paid \$50,000 for a collection of manuscripts of the poet Burns. Still he is no better off so far as a knowledge of poetry is concerned than the man who buys a copy at 40 cents or borrows it from a Carnegie Library.

REDUCE STATE TAXES

VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS: DO NOT BE MISLED BY CLEVERLY WRITTEN LETTERS OR STATEMENTS OF CANDIDATES IN PAPERS. AS THE ONLY CANDIDATES FOR STATE TREASURER WHOSE PLATFORMS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE PLEDGES THEM TO PAY INTEREST ON STATE'S MONEYS INTO THE STATE TREASURY ARE OUR COUNTY JUDGE, THOS. F. RYAN AND A. C. JENNINGS, OF LANE COUNTY; ALL OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THIS OFFICE ARE BANKERS OR IN THE EMPLOY OF BANKERS, AND THEY MUST PAY THE INTEREST ON STATE MONEYS TO THEIR REAL EMPLOYERS, THE BANKS. IF YOU WANT TO HAVE YOUR STATE TAX REDUCED AND THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER CONDUCTED ON BUSINESS PRINCIPLES, VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ON APRIL 20th FOR JUDGE THOS. F. RYAN.