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"BROWNELL DOWN AND OUT."

The Oregonian sends a staff correspondent to Oregon City to give an extended account of Brownell and his politics, at the same time discussing Bourne-Albany Democrat. the causes of the ex-Senator's retire ment. But the correspondent does not get at the kernel of the situation. late Senator Dolph had little to do with the decisive majority by which the Clackamas county Senator was defeated June 4

Brownell's defeat is attributable directly to the fact that he is a corporatrue role was uncovered and the peolast 12 years.

The general crookedness of the man, and that he is crooked, is by himself admitted in the Oregonian article, together with his indictment by the causes that resulted in his signal Democrat. defeat. Soft soap and kalsomining will not serve to erase the real facts in the situation.

## NO HIGH SCHOOL.

The voters of Clackamas county have gone on record by a majority of amas county. 206 votes, as being opposed to a county high school. We do not believe the voters acted advisedly on this questhe eastern and southern parts of the litics county, voted strongly against the pro-

quam and Wilsonville.

er education.

# LIABILITY OF COUNCILMEN.

are individually liable for damages Geo. C. that may result from defective side. terprise. walks. No suit for such damages can be brought against the city. This section of the Charter reads as follows:

'Section 128-Oregon City is not liable to any one for any loss or injury to person or property growing out of gon City or any other person from accident is caused by the wilful neglect of any duty enjoined upon such officer or person by law, or by the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of such officer or person in any other

When men serve as Councilmen without a cent of salary or other remuneration, it does not appear exactly right that they should be held personally responsible for damages for accidents resulting from defective sideprotecting the city's every interest city's ordinances. Unless this section ers themselves .- Newberg Graphic.

individual members of the council, the road graft.-St. Helens Mist, people of Oregon City will experience difficulty in finding good men avail-Bix months ..... 75 at the same time assume the liability some people maintain there is nothing the Charter now places with such of in a name. ficials.

# "HE WHO LAUGHS LAST," ETC.

# SENATOR BROWNELL'S DEFEAT.

Happy, happy Delaware! Addicks politically dead as George Brownell and the peach or ip bigger than ever. -Portland Journal

The Oregon City Enterprise won a

George C. Brownell was defeated for re-election in Clackamas county. Brownell and his relations with the Monday, by a majority of nearly 500 votes. It is the beginning of the end. -Polk County Observer.

election was the defeat of Geo. C. tion railroad attorney-a pliable and nominee for State Senator in Clackaresponsive servant and tool to their mas County. For years he has domidefeated.-Forest Grove Times.

The star of Geo. C. Brownell has descended just as that of Jonathan follows: a federal grand jury and the general Bourne has risen. One was kicked knowledge of the man's duplicity, are down, the other picked up. Albany may, in his discretion, and he is here-

#### Geo. C. Brownell.

an Oregon City enterprise and for that During his career, Brownell was the homestead laws and this Act." reason the outlying districts, especially most picturesque figure in Oregon pol-

There was at no time anything said atorical powers and thoroughly un-as to the probable location of the scrupulous, Brownell in his day wield-acres, and cannot take a tract exschool. The first question to be de- ed the worst influence of any politician ceeding one mile in length. Prefercided was whether or not the county in the state. There was too much ence in taking such land is given to should have a high school—a county lacking in his moral make-up to per-high school, established and main-mit of political conventions. He used drawals were made, and thereafter, tained by the county for the benefit of the name of the Republican party as the first applicant. If the segregation the pupils of the county. The quest a cloak and shield for his mis-deeds is made on petition of an entryman, tion as to its location was entirely of because it was the dominant party the latter has precedence over others secondary consideration. That mat But he would tell Populists, or Demo- in making application, after the land ter rested with the county court, crats he really believed in their doc- is opened to settlement. There are which, of course, would be governed trine and sympathized with them, and also especial provisions relating to by the expressed wishes of a majority his purpose in working with the re- the Black Hills reserve in South Daof the voters of the county. True the publican party was to keep himself kota, very limited entries there being school might have been located at in position to do the most possible for permitted. Oregon City and a better selection whichever party he might be addresscould not be made. Oregon City is ing. Brownell's oratory and influence culture will adjudge the respective the county seat of the county, a most were considered commercial commod- merits of land covered by this act is natural place for such an institution. Ities by those with whom he associat- hopeful to the western men, who have This city is the most centrally lo- ed. In the great Mitchell-Corbett fight often been discomfited by the prejucated and most easy of access to the he was lined up with both of the op- dice and lack of Western knowledge residents of all sections of the county posing forces. He was pledged to on the part of the Secretary of the The advantages of such a school would nominate each of them for senator. Interior. If he were to pass on the be available alike to the public school So uncertain was Brownell when he agricultural possibilities of such land, graduate of Estacada, Molalla, Mar- arose in the joint assembly to nomi- little hope would be entertained of nate one or the other, there were ever segregating any of it from the It is to be regretted that petty local wagers offered as to which he would permanent forest withdrawals, but litjealousies should be permitted to de- name. In the legislature, his name tle apprehension is felt from the same feat so laudable a project as a county came to be a synonym to insincerity, prospect with the Secretary of Agrihigh school, of which the county is in deceit, hypocracy. He was a dread to culture at the helm. If the question is again those who had measures to put Senator Fulton has been assured submitted, it is to be hoped the voters through the legislature, whether the that many entrymen will file petitions of the county will entertain a more measures be meritorious or not. How for portions of the various Oregon reliberal view of the matter and give a to placate Brownell was a question serves as soon as the law becomes efdecisive majority for the high school to consider in connection with every fective. and let the county go on record as be. bill. To gain election, Brownell would ing most emphatically in favor of high-stoop to the most dishonorable and corrupt methods. He would promise elected, he never troubled about ful- even that. The office of Councilmen, under the filling his promises. In the name of construction of the Oregon City char- chairty he would make big donations ter, is by no means such as should and then refuse to deliver. No com- time how Spain feels about her keepencourage any particular strife to munity can keep elevated to an office ing open houses for anarchists. serve the people in that capacity. It of trust such a character as Brownell, may not be generally known, but under unless the electorate itself is corrupt a provision of the city Charter, Coun- and the people of Clackamas county le over the type of canal a little longclimen and other officers of the city are to be congratulated on repudiating er, someone may invent a Hying ma-

The next Oregon Legislature will the Senate and one in the House. This sponsibilities. will be the smallest Democratic representation in many years. Of the any casualty or accident happening 30 members of the State Senate, 14 of the condition of any street or pub-the Senate this year, seven signed lic ground therein; but this section statement No. 1 and two pledged does not exonerate any officer of Ore- themselves to support the Republican voters' choice for United States Sensuch liability, when such casualty or ator. Of the 60 members of the house, 39 signed Statement No. 1, and six pledged themselves to vote for the Re- be a convenience for financiers if the publican voters' choice for United courts would set some minimum limit States Senator. In other words, since where plain stealing commences. Bourne, a Republican, has received the popular vote, there are 54 members of the Legislature pledged to his support. It requires 46 to elect.

Let's not have any more kicks coming from the farmers that we are govwalks. Oregon City now has one of erned by politicians and professional the best Councils the city has had in men and that they are disregarded. years. The members of the body are One of the best men Oregon can proespecially watchful in guarding and duce, against whom nothing can be said, who has done more for the but even then they are not exempt farmers than any man in the state, from being made defendants in dam. and a farmer himself, has been turnage suits notwithstanding they exer. ed down for governor for an oily poli- before they are killed, it is easy to

Oregon City Enterprise of the charter is amended and the re- There is a great deal in a name. The words "free toll road" came very of such accidents is removed from the near carrying through the Barlow toll

H. F. Godspeed was elected county

## AMENDING FORESTRY LAWS.

Oregon has been accorded a heavy Based on the unofficial returns, the measure of relief from conditions long Enterprise last week deplored the de- complained of by her delegation, in piration stamped on their papers fol- feat of County Clerk Greenman; this one unassuming measure well toward lowing their name. If this is not week it rejoices in his re-election. We the goal of enactment in this Congpayment, kindly notify us, and the not only congratulate Mr. Greenman ress. It provides for the entry of land on his re-election, but the people of more valuable for agriculture than the county on having retained for the forestry, in any permanent forest reensuing two years so efficient and serve or temporary withdrawal. The measure has passed both branches of Congress, and is now in conference. the point of difference being a minor feature of the bill, and approval of the President is assured immediately upon his receipt of the measure, as it is an administration favorite.

Western States forced this concession. Among the leaders in the effort to keep for general industries all great victory in the defeat of Brownell. land best adapted to agriculture were Clackamas county people displayed the Oregon men. Senator Fulton befuture influence in Clackamas county better sense than those who elected gan his campaign nearly two years ago, and has been especially emphatic this session in the position that the Government did not have the right to use for general forestry purposes territory that would yield a state for more in other industries. His opposition first took form against creation of further reserves until elimination One of the unexpected results of the of all possible agricultural land was assured. As a remedy for past evils Brownell who was the Republican in this respect, the new measure was cordially supported, and it will also have the effect of making further resdemands in matters of legislation. His nated the politics of that county in ervations less obnoxious. If the peospite of un-numbered charges that ple are to be permitted to select any ple had tired of his Dr. Jekyl and Mr. ought to kill any man politically if good land from the withdrawals, leav-Hyde performance and by a most detrue. He even aspired to state or nating with the Government such as is cisive and convincing expression have tional office and might have won a clearly most valuable permanently retired him. They have tired of nomination if the federal grand jury for timber, it is said by the Senator Brownell and Brownellism as it has had not indicted him as being concern- that little opposition to reserves will been administered in connection with ed in the land frauds that compromized be heard in Oregon, especially after Clackamas county affairs during the other politicians. It is a credit to the the Government begins its more salaroused public conscience that he is utary campaign of reforestation, prevention of fires and liberal permission for removing matured timber. The first section of the proposed law

"That the Secretary of Agriculture by authorized, upon application or otherwise to examine and ascertain as to the location and extent of lands with-The defeat of Geo. C. Brownell for in permanent or temporary forest re-State Senator is one salutary res serves, which are chiefly valuable for sult of the late election and will be agriculture, and which, in his opinion. accepted as an indication of a re- may be occupied for agricultural purturn to sanity of the people of Clack- poses without injury to the forest reserves, and which are not needed for Geo. C. Brownell landed in Oregon public purposes, and may list and City from Kansas in 1892. He pro- describe the same by metes and claimed himself a protege of Senator bounds, or otherwise, and file the lists tion. There appears to have prevail- Mitchell and plunged into politics. In and descriptions with the Secretary ed the impression among many that 1894 he was elected to the State Sen- of the Interior, with the request that the proposed higher institution of ate and until last Monday the people the said lands be opened to entry in learning would have proved strictly have never been able to dislodge him. accordance with the provisions of the

Following sections provide for taking such land under usual homestead Not particularly an original think- laws and regulations. There are ader, but brilliant and of persuasive or- ditional conditions regarding location,

The fact that the Secretary of Agri-

It has been said that the Chicago packers utilize all of the pig except most anything asked for and much the squeal. But it looks as though not asked for th secure votes. Once they would now have a chance to use

England ought to realize by this

If they will just keep up the wrang-Geo. C. Brownell.-Independence En- chine that will render the canal a superfluity.

The Douma seems determined to convince the Czar that he has not contain seven Democrats only, six in doupbled his joys by halving his re-

It remains now for some muck-rakto such person or property on account are holdovers. Of the 15 elected to Coffin Combine were officered by the same people.

The court has decided that Mr. Per-

kins was not guilty of larceny in dis-

bursing other people's funds. It would

The Standard Oil Company has now petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission for a hearing in which to

show a few cases where it was not ac-

tively dishonest.

It looks as though the only way Congress could, ever be sure of a Utah senator's morals would be by having him come from somewhere else.

From the inhumanity that the packers display in handling their cattle cise every precaution to enforce the tician-and turned down by the farm- believe almost anything about their methods afterwards.

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