

RETRIBUTION OF MITCHELL

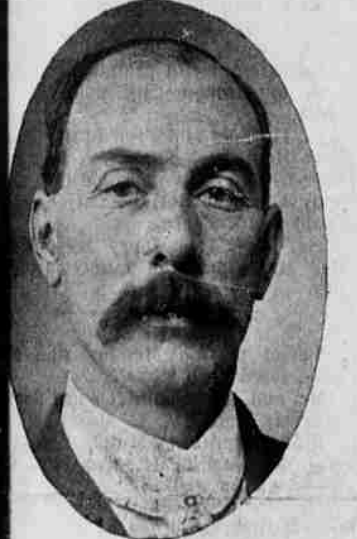
LETTER WRITTEN 13 YEARS AGO SHOWS HE DID NOT TRY TO DEFEAT DOLPH.

BROWNELL GIVES PROOF

Senator Mitchell Kept His Hands Off During Memorable Legislative Contest and Was Strictly Neutral to the End.

Thirteen years ago United States Senator Joseph N. Dolph was beaten for re-election by a band of 30 men in the Oregon legislature. His colleague, United States Senator John H. Mitchell, was charged by the friends of Mr. Dolph, and also by a portion of the press in Oregon, of throwing his influence against Senator Dolph, whose views on the money question contributed towards his defeat. Mr. Mitchell at that time was a silver man, though later he declared for the gold standard, and he was accused of pulling the wires to prevent the election of Mr. Dolph.

With the intent of removing this charge from the political history of Senator Mitchell, a letter written from Washington, January 7, 1895, a few days before the legislature convened, to Ex-State Senator George C.



A. D. Hungate, Surveyor of Clackamas County, who has made a good record and will be re-elected in June.

Brownell, of this city, was today made public by Mr. Brownell, with the hope of removing the impression that prevailed after the memorable contest and still prevails in the minds of many men who were interested in Oregon politics. During Senator Mitchell's life time the letter was carefully guarded by the recipient, and its publication would have probably have injured Mitchell political-

The letter of Senator Mitchell to Mr. Brownell, follows:

"United States Senate, Washington, D. C., Jan. 7, 1895.—Hon. George C. Brownell, Attorney at Law, Oregon City, Oregon.

Dear Senator: My purpose in wiring you some days since to give me your views to the present status of the Senatorial contest in Oregon was not, as you well know, with any view of influencing you or any other member of the Legislature or any one else for or against either one way or the other. I am very much obliged to you for your letter in response of the December 28, just at hand, in which you give me your views as to the state of the contest and its probable outcome. In infer from your statement of the case that the contest is most likely to be a pretty severe one with some question perhaps as to what you say as to the probable result. In view of the issue that has been raised on the money question in connection with the fact that I am at present holding the position of U. S. Senator, and Mr. Dolph, who is a candidate for re-election, is my colleague, and the further fact that we wholly agree on the money question, as you and everyone else in Oregon does, and have disagreed for years past, it places me in a most embarrassing position, and as I view it, in such a position as makes it absolute necessary on my part to maintain a position to the end which I have maintained to the present time—that of absolute neutrality. This, under all circumstances, it seems to me is all that either of the friends of Senator Dolph or the friends of the aspirants can reasonably ask of me. I have, therefore, fully determined to adhere to my original resolution, that is to not attempt, either directly or indirectly, to influence the action of any of my friends in the legislature, either one way or the other, leaving all to take such course as they for any reason may be disposed to take, or as they may deem for the best interests of the Republican party, the State of Oregon and the country.

I am not unmindful of the fact that I shall in all probability be severely criticized by men who have been my friends heretofore and now, no matter what course I take, and doubtless the friends of Senator Dolph and the friends of the other aspirants will each as a class, think I ought to have taken sides with them and used



WALTER A. DIMICK, a favorite among the young Republicans and a popular candidate for the Legislature.

my influence in their behalf. But should I do this it would be charged at once that I was playing the role of a boss and using the influence of my position either for or against men who have been and are my political and personal friends. Whatever may be the consequences, however, to myself politically in the future, I have marked out my course. I shall keep hands off and let the legislature of the state determine the question as they may deem best.

"Sincerely hoping that whatever may be the outcome, the future harmony of the Republican party as well as its efficiency may be maintained, I am, sincerely your friend,

JOHN MITCHELL."

CLACKAMAS COUNTY IS FREE FROM DEBT

OUTSTANDING GENERAL FUND WARRANTS WILL BE TAKEN UP BY TREASURER.

For the first time in 27 years, Clackamas county is practically out of debt, and the members of the County Court are rejoicing in the fulfillment of a pledge made to the voters of Clackamas two years ago. County Treasurer Paddock, will, this week, make a call of all general fund warrants that will wipe out every dollar of indebtedness of the county, with the exception of the road warrants, which will shortly be given attention.

During the first administration of Judge White, in 1876, Clackamas County commenced to feel the pangs of indebtedness, and the expense of the construction of the new court house was heavy. Once since that time the county has been free from the burden of debt, but in the last 24 solid years the interest charges have had to be met, and they have been heavy at times.

It is very probable that after the general fund warrants have been taken up, the county court will transfer an amount from the general fund to the road fund sufficient to take up the outstanding warrants, and in this manner a saving of about \$20 per day will be effected.

The system of appropriations of money for roads in Clackamas differs materially from that of Marion and some of the other counties in the Willamette Valley. The general laws provide that 50 per cent of the money collected in each road district must be expended in the district from which it is received, and the Marion county court evades this proposition by making a small levy for roads. It is said that last year the road levy in Marion was only 1 1/2 mills, and that the Hubbard district received only \$50, in addition to the road poll tax. The court then pursues the policy of adding 2 1/2 mills to the general levy and transferring money to the road fund from time to time. In this manner the amounts transferred to the road fund from the general fund may be expended at the discretion of the court.

WILLIAM STUBBE INSANE.

Pioneer Newspaper Solicitor's Mind Becomes Unbalanced.

William Stubbe, of Estacada, was Friday sent to the insane asylum. Mr. Stubbe, who is 61 years of age, has always been a warm friend of Judge Dimick, and for many years he has used his spare time in soliciting subscriptions for Oregon City and Portland newspapers and magazines, in this manner acquiring a large acquaintance among the farming community. Several weeks ago Stubbe had some unfortunate domestic trouble and this finally unhinged his mind, and it was with difficulty that he restrained himself from doing some desperate act. He was in town Friday morning and was taken into custody by Chief of Police Burns, who made a complaint charging him with insanity and he was examined by Dr. M. C. Strickland, and committed by Judge Dimick. Stubbe is a native of Germany, aged 61 years. It is hoped that a brief confinement in the state hospital will restore the mental faculties of the unfortunate man.

Want New School District.

Residents of the Maple Lane-Beaver Creek section have filed a petition with County School Superintendent Gary for the creation of a new district, to be established by partitioning the districts of Maple Lane, Hendrick, Carus and Iceland. A huge remonstrance against the petition has been filed. The matter will come up later for consideration at the hands of the district boundary board.

POLITICS GETTING WARM AROUND OLD CLACKAMAS

Candidates For Legislative Honors Are Busy Among the Voters Many Republican Aspirants For County Offices.

Next Wednesday is the last day for filing initiative petitions. The Republicans of Clackamas have not been slow to put forward their claims for office and many candidates are now in the field. The primary nominating election will be held Friday, April 17, and every candidate will strain his nerve until that time in support of his own particular candidacy. The following Republicans have filed petitions for county offices:

- Representative—J. U. Campbell, Walter A. Dimick, Geo. W. Dixon, Linn E. Jones, F. M. Gill, H. F. Gibson, Charles H. Dye, and E. D. Olds. Clerk—F. W. Greenman, J. W. McAnulty. Sheriff—Richard L. Greaves. Recorder—C. E. Ramsby. Commissioner—R. S. Coe, Enos Cahill, W. H. Mattoon, E. E. Judd. Assessor—J. F. Nelson, Geo. F. Horton, H. S. Moody, W. H. Holder. School Superintendent—T. J. Gary, Joseph W. Gray. Treasurer—J. C. Paddock. Surveyor—S. A. D. Hungate. Justice of the Peace—Oregon City District, John F. Clark, A. M. Sinnott, W. W. H. Samson. Constable—Oregon City District, R. T. Barbur, P. S. Finucane.

Candidates for the legislature are putting up a forceful campaign. All of them have taken practically the same pledge on the United States senatorial question, except H. F. Gibson, of Eagle Creek, who will support the candidate receiving the highest number of Republican votes. Dimick, Dye, Jones and Campbell have promised to be governed by the action of the voters in June on the people's instruction amendment, and in case that amendment fails to pass, Mr. Campbell will support the Republican voters' choice. Dixon, Gill and Olds have signed Statement No. 1. Mr. Dye expects to secure a large vote among the laboring classes in view of his position on measures of interest to labor at the last session. He has a letter from a representative of the labor unions thanking him for his support and assistance in the enacting of the various labor laws.

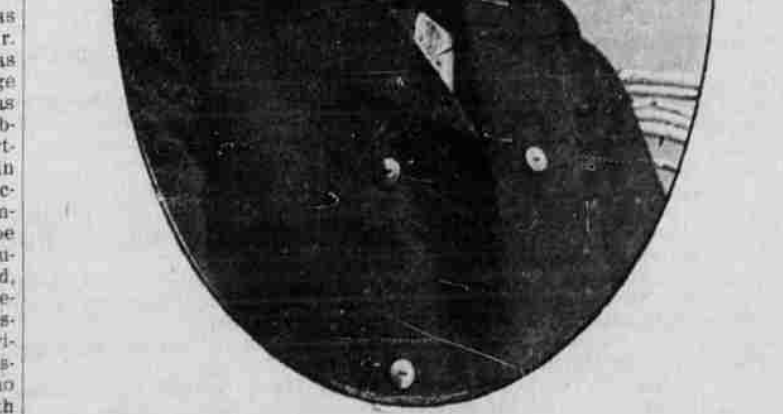
J. W. Smith, a merchant of Macksburg, has filed his petition for the Democratic nomination for county commissioner, simultaneously with the withdrawal of the petition of J. A. Zimmermann, of Oak Grove, who filed a petition for the nomination Wednesday. Mr. Zimmermann went into the race with a whirl, and left in the same manner, after a conference with some of the leaders of the Clackamas County Democracy and Mr. Smith himself, who had evidently been selected by the party to make the run for commissioner. So Mr. Zimmermann gracefully withdrew. His campaign was the shortest in the

Evangelical Church of Oregon City, but resigned to take up farming two years ago. The Democrats of Clackamas County have made an outline of their prospective candidates and three petitions have been filed, those of R. B. Beattie for sheriff, J. E. Jack for assessor, and J. W. Smith, of Macksburg, for commissioner. It is a well known fact that the minority party leaders expect to profit by the number of candidates for assessor and commissioner in Republican ranks and have high hopes of electing Mr. Jack and Mr. Smith to the offices to which they aspire. Mr. Jack is in the grocery business in Oregon City, and was a deputy sheriff under the regime of John J. Cooke, now chairman of the Democratic county central committee. There are four candidates for the Republican nomination for county assessor, and as many for commissioner, for R. S. Coe, of Canby, has entered the race. The Republican candidates for assessor are James F. Nelson, the incumbent, Harry S. Moody, of Oregon City; George F. Horton, of West Oregon City, and W. H. Holder, of Estacada.

It is considered likely that W. A. Heylman, a banker of Estacada, and Ernest Mass, of Willamette, will be Democratic candidates for the legislature. Others who are mentioned in connection with the office of Representative are E. G. Caulfield, cashier of The Bank of Oregon City; Albert Engle, of Molalla, and J. J. Cooke, of Oregon City.

W. W. H. Samson has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination of Justice of the Peace for the district embraced by the precincts of Oregon City, West Oregon City, Canemah, Willamette, Maple Lane and Abernethy.

Democrats are rounding up their candidates and two more petitions for nominations were filed Monday by A. P. Parker, who would be Justice of the Peace for the district made up of the precincts of Oregon City and vicinity, and F. A. Miles, who aspires to the position of Constable. The Republican candidate for constable is R. T. Barbur.



GEORGE C. BROWNELL, former State Senator from Clackamas County, indicted in the Federal Court three years ago on a charge of subornation of perjury, whose name has been cleared at Heney's request.

history of Clackamas County. Mr. Smith will be opposed by the Republican candidate, who will be one of four aspirants, W. H. Mattoon, of Viola; R. S. Coe, of Canby; E. E. Judd, of Molalla, and Enos Cahill, of New Era. W. H. Wettlaufer, of Clarks, was in the city Thursday and filed his petition for the Republican nomination of Justice of the Peace. The precincts of Highland and Canyon Creek are embraced in his district. Mr. Wettlaufer was formerly pastor of



JOSEPH W. GRAY, who is a candidate for the Republican nomination of County School Superintendent.

possibilities for that office are W. A. Heylman, cashier of the Bank of Estacada, District Attorney Gilbert Hedgcock and John J. Cooke, chairman of the Democratic county central committee. It is not probable that the Democrats will have a candidate for school superintendent or surveyor.

John F. Clark, a well known attorney of this city, has consented to become a candidate for the Republican nomination of Justice of the Peace. Mr. Clark is president of the Clackamas Abstract & Trust Company, and is particularly qualified for this position. He has entered into the race with a degree of reluctance and only at the solicitation of a large number of friends and members of the legal fraternity.

BROWNELL CLEARED OF PERJURY CHARGE

FORMER STATE SENATOR'S NAME IS FREE FROM STAIN OF FEDERAL INDICTMENT.

George C. Brownell, former state senator from Clackamas county, indicted for subornation of perjury three years ago in connection with Oregon land fraud cases, was cleared of the charge in the United States District Court Tuesday morning when John McCourt, the newly-appointed district attorney, appeared for Attorney-General Bonaparte at the request of Francis J. Heney, and moved that the indictment be dismissed.

Several telegrams from Mr. Heney to W. C. Bristol, the retiring district attorney, requesting that this action be taken were presented to Judge Wolverton by Mr. McCourt. That the indictments should be dismissed was decided upon by Mr. Heney and Mr. Bonaparte several weeks ago.

As Mr. Bristol was about to retire he left the matter to be attended to by Mr. McCourt, his successor. Mr. McCourt took the oath of office Monday, and one of the first questions taken under consideration was the dismissal of the indictments pending against Mr. Brownell.

The telegram from Mr. Heney, dated at San Francisco March 11, and addressed to Mr. Bristol, read: "In court Tuesday morning, is as follows: 'Attorney-General Bonaparte has authorized me to dismiss both indictments for subornation of perjury now pending against George C. Brownell if I deem it advisable. Please make motion in my name and by authority of this telegram in the court in which said indictments are pending to dismiss each of them upon the ground that I am satisfied that George C. Brownell did not write the signatures purporting to be his in surveying contracts which were investigated before the grand jury when alleged subornation of perjury was committed by Brownell and upon the ground that for this reason in my opinion conviction would not be possible in the subornation of perjury cases upon the further ground that Brownell is equitably entitled to this action on account of evidence which he has secured for the government in one case and testimony which he has already given on behalf of the government in another case, and by other evidence which he has promised to give whenever called upon to do so in other cases.'

There was also another telegram from Mr. Bonaparte to Mr. Bristol, dated Washington, March 19, asking if the indictments have been dismissed.

Mr. Heney also wired Mr. McCourt several days ago requesting information as to what had been done in the matter.

Brownell was accused three years ago before a federal grand jury of having induced two men to swear falsely before that body in regard to the signature of Brownell appearing on field notes taken by Henry Meldrum.

Brownell's name appeared on certain field notes. By the confession of Meldrum, now in the penitentiary, it was afterward shown that Meldrum had signed Brownell's name without the latter's knowledge. The facts became known to Mr. Heney some time ago and the question of dismissing the indictments was taken up with the officials at Washington at once.

Mr. Brownell made the following statement concerning the case: "I desire to state that I was charged in the indictment with having suborned John A. Howland and Fred Sloyers to go before the Federal grand jury and testify relating to some signatures to field notes of a government survey, which appeared (Continued on Page Five.)

ANTI-SALOON PEOPLE BUSY

HAVE PLANS LAID TO FORCE CLACKAMAS COUNTY INTO THE "DRY" RANKS.

LAST ATTEMPT FAILED

Vote of 1904 Shows Overwhelming Majority For Liquor Element and Change in Sentiment Probably Not Large.

The force of local option will again be tried upon the voters of Clackamas County at the June election, and this time the haters of demon rum will attempt to place the good old county of Clackamas in the ranks of the dry and dusty, along with Lane, Linn and several other counties of the state. A carefully planned campaign will be made by representatives of the anti-saloon-league, who admit that the battle for Prohibition in Clackamas County will be no easy one. They have not forgotten the fight of four years ago, when an effort to slide Clackamas over into the dry column met with dismal failure, the vote being about two to one in favor of the "wets." Two years ago the church people who are usually behind these movements, rested on their oars, but they now believe that the sentiment of the majority of the voters of Clackamas has undergone a change and while they



GEORGE W. DIXON, whose opposition to the Single-Tax Amendment, has brought him into the lime-light.

are not at all confident of victory, they do aver that they have more than a fighting chance and they are not going to let another opportunity pass to shut up every saloon in Clackamas from Milwaukie on the north to Barlow on the south.

There are about 25 saloons in Clackamas County, 15 in Oregon City, and others at Barlow, Boring, Estacada, Milwaukie, Oswego and Wilsonville. Rumor has it that Canby is to reverse action taken last December, when a "dry" mayor was chosen and enough anti-saloon aldermen to refuse to license saloons. It is said that one of the members of the council has experienced a change of heart, and that the first meeting of the council in April will be the scene of a stormy time. B. Lee Paget, who resides at Oak Grove, and who is full of energy on all subjects of interest to himself, was at Canby last Saturday night to stiffen the backbones of the "cool-throats" but his audience was not large and the saloon adherents did not manifest sufficient interest to attend. However, Mr. Paget is nothing if not adhesive and is in the game to play it out, even though he may hold a four-flush at the outcome. He has been doing some quiet work in his own borough and his little campaign is clearly mapped out to create a dry district out of the precincts of Milwaukie, Oak Grove, Harmony and Clackamas. Even if the scheme to eliminate saloons in every section of the county should fail, it is entirely within the range of possibility that the plan of Mr. Paget to clean out his own neighborhood will be successful. There are no saloons in Clackamas, Oak Grove and Harmony, but it is toward Milwaukie that the blow is aimed, for ever since Mr. Paget acquired a home in Clackamas County, he has been compelled to ride past the notorious Milwaukie Club twice daily to and from his business in Portland, where he is secretary of the Portland Trust Company of Oregon, and his nostrils have been offended by the presence of an institution where once games of chance were played and a resort that paid revenue to help build Milwaukie's city hall was permitted to survive.

Local Bowlers Beat Portland.

The local team won all three games in a tournament Friday night at the Christensen & Rakef alleys, carrying off high honors in the first game with a score of 897, leading by 123 pins. In the second game Oregon City came out with a lead of 13 pins, scoring 706, and in the final game the local men won by the narrow margin of 11, scoring 834. In the third game Alfred Holton bowled for Morris, and held high score with 214 pins. The closeness of the second and final games made the tourney exciting to the players and spectators. The opposing team was from the Oregon Alleys, at Portland.