

# Friends Pay Loving Tribute to Memory of George Clayton Brownell

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**GEORGE CLAYTON BROWNELL**  
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"He is gone but his memory liveth.  
He is gone but his example is here.  
And the sweetness and fragrance it giveth  
Will linger through many a year."

Those who have known Mr. Brownell, without a dissenting voice, join in paying tribute to his ability as a lawyer, his sterling integrity and to those attributes that made him loved by those with whom he came in daily contact.

### Judge J. U. Campbell.

"I knew Mr. Brownell well. Have been closely associated with him since 1893.

Mr. Brownell possessed more lovable traits of character than any man I ever saw. As a public man his sympathies were always with the unfortunate. His heart was in constant rebellion against the inequality of the rules of society. He despised the conventional and nearly always acted on impulse. His knowledge or intuition of the psychology of events was almost uncanny. He loved children with the heart of a child. He used to say that, "I love them clean or dirty, in prudent or well-behaved, well clothed or ragged, in all their moods and fancies, because they are the natural expression and true index to humanity."

He never harbored hatred, had no desire for revenge.

In his political life no matter how strenuous the fight might be it was never conducted with bitterness on his part. He had a master mind because he never allowed it to be occupied by mean and small things. He was human and of course had his faults but it truly may be said of him that, "Even his failings leaned to virtue's side."

### Gilbert L. Hedges.

"I first made the acquaintance of Mr. George C. Brownell in 1898. Since that time, I have known him quite intimately, and have probably tried more cases with him in court than has any other attorney here.

"During the eight years in which I served as prosecuting officer of the Fifth Judicial District, I was frequently brought in contact with Mr. Brownell in the court room. He defended most of the criminal cases and during that length of time we were together in court on opposing sides in as many as one hundred and fifty cases.

"Mr. Brownell was an eloquent speaker and, when appealing to a jury for sympathy, he was almost irresistible. During the past two years, I have noted his failing health and in the last few cases we tried together in court, he did not display that same vigor and alertness, which was his at former trials.

"He was always courteous and fair in matters in court and I always enjoyed trying a case with him, for I knew fairness was one of his chief characteristics. He always gave his clients in these trials the full benefit of his knowledge and eloquence, and on several occasions, while listening to him plead before a jury, I have found some difficulty in rising to reply, so masterful had been his presentation of his side of the case."

### Arthur G. Beattie.

"In my short two years acquaintance with George C. Brownell I have found many things in him an inspiration to the younger members of the bar of Clackamas County. I have learned to admire him as a master orator, respect him as an able attorney, and cherish him as a worthy friend.

### Oscar D. Eby.

"Some men use public position to exalt themselves among their fellow-men, but not with Mr. Brownell, he only used as a tower of strength with which to accomplish the things he had set out to do, and no man however poor, or low his station in life ever passed his attention in friendship or business; this was the chief element of his strength and great popularity.

"By his every day life he has builded a monument that will last long as the memory of man."

### Alberta L. Dunn.

(County Treasurer)  
His loyalty and keen personal interest in his friends made his loss to them a doubly severe one.

### William M. Stone.

"In looking back over the years of my association with Mr. Brownell, five years of which were in partnership, my pleasantest recollections of the man were his unflinching good humor, his kindly nature, his hatred of sham and hypocrisy, and his wonderful love for his fellow man."

### J. E. Hedges.

"His power and much of his success were due to application of a keen perception of the forces that impel men generally and his audience particularly, and a boundless ambition to win.

"He exercised his knowledge that people like to be flattered, and that a communication given in confidence is a species of happy hidden flattery. Hence in nearly all conversation, he spoke in confidential tone. And his attitude toward the listener while he spoke was one evidencing confidence. He recognized the power of prejudice, and used it to convince all of his hearers when all were influenced or impelled alike; and did at times inject into an argument more than one thought for the purpose of convincing, when one hearer might be convinced by one such thought, and another or others by a different thought.

"He had read omnivorously, and had much of the history of the world and especially of our country at his finger tips. He was a man of wide knowledge and a man of wide sympathies. He was a man of wide vision and a man of wide heart. He was a man of wide influence and a man of wide fame. He was a man of wide reputation and a man of wide respect. He was a man of wide admiration and a man of wide love. He was a man of wide affection and a man of wide friendship. He was a man of wide loyalty and a man of wide devotion. He was a man of wide honor and a man of wide glory. He was a man of wide fame and a man of wide renown. He was a man of wide reputation and a man of wide respect. He was a man of wide admiration and a man of wide love. He was a man of wide affection and a man of wide friendship. He was a man of wide loyalty and a man of wide devotion. He was a man of wide honor and a man of wide glory. He was a man of wide fame and a man of wide renown."

stant command. He not infrequently appealed to patriotism and was able to offer illustrations by his wide knowledge of the development and history of America, and the lives of great Americans.

"His thoughts were not always clothed in perfect, or might I say classical, English, but he was able to make them to appear to emanate from a warm heart and sympathetic or appreciative soul. He reminded one in this respect of Dr. Dwight L. Moody, whom in this way, he approached but did not equal.

"Each of us knows something of his generosity, but none has more than a shadow of knowledge of his great aggregate gifts which were almost limitless within his ability to give.

"Some will criticize him, but why should I? How can I properly judge him since I cannot look out from the center of his soul and perceive as he saw? Very possibly many things that I have done did not seem right as he viewed them. Let us number his virtues on enduring tablets, but write any criticisms on the sands, that tomorrow they may be forgotten."

### E. J. Noble.

"It is with regret that I did not know George C. Brownell more intimately, but as my membership in the Clackamas County Bar Association has been brief, my professional intercourse with him was limited although in that short time I always found him courteous, considerate and obliging, and not knowing him so well except as one knows any man in public life, I do not think that anything I might say will express the esteem in which he was held by his fellow men so well as was expressed by the abundance of floral tributes and the great gathering of people who stopped their daily vocation for a brief period to pay their last respects to the memory of their friend on Tuesday last, and these acts of sincerity speak better than words and best express the true feeling, although coming too late to be appreciated by the one upon whom they are bestowed."

### Gordon E. Hayes.

"Mr. Brownell was the body of the common people and he was truly a representative American. During the term of eighteen years' service in the senate of this state in legislative matters he consulted the people's rights and much of the reform legislation that has been passed in this state was put into effect through his influence.

"As a lawyer he was learned, skillful, tactful and fearless.

"As an orator, he had few equals in the state and no superiors.

"As a man he was possessed of a noble character and as a friend he was true and loyal."

### E. G. Caulfield.

"As an orator with power to influence an audience and gain their sympathy for his cause he has probably never had his equal in Oregon. His patriotism, his fidelity to his friends and his never-failing supply of kindness and generosity to the poor and needy will cause his name to be long remembered and honored. I am glad to have been numbered among those whom he called his friends."

### Was Master Orator.

As an orator George C. Brownell had few equals. It was one of the pleasures of his life to speak at patriotic gatherings, and he gave freely of his time and talent.

He was always in demand as an orator at celebrations in honor of our Independence day.

Judges of the art or oratory believe that the supreme efforts of his life in this line was made when he placed in nomination for the United States Senate, Joseph Simon, C. W. Fulton and John H. Mitchell.

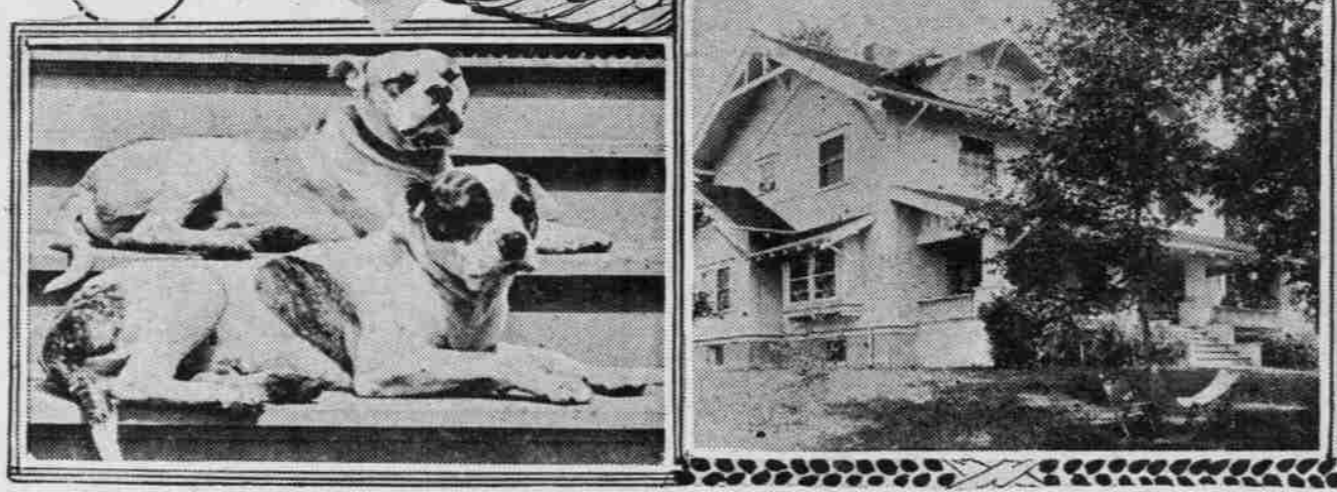
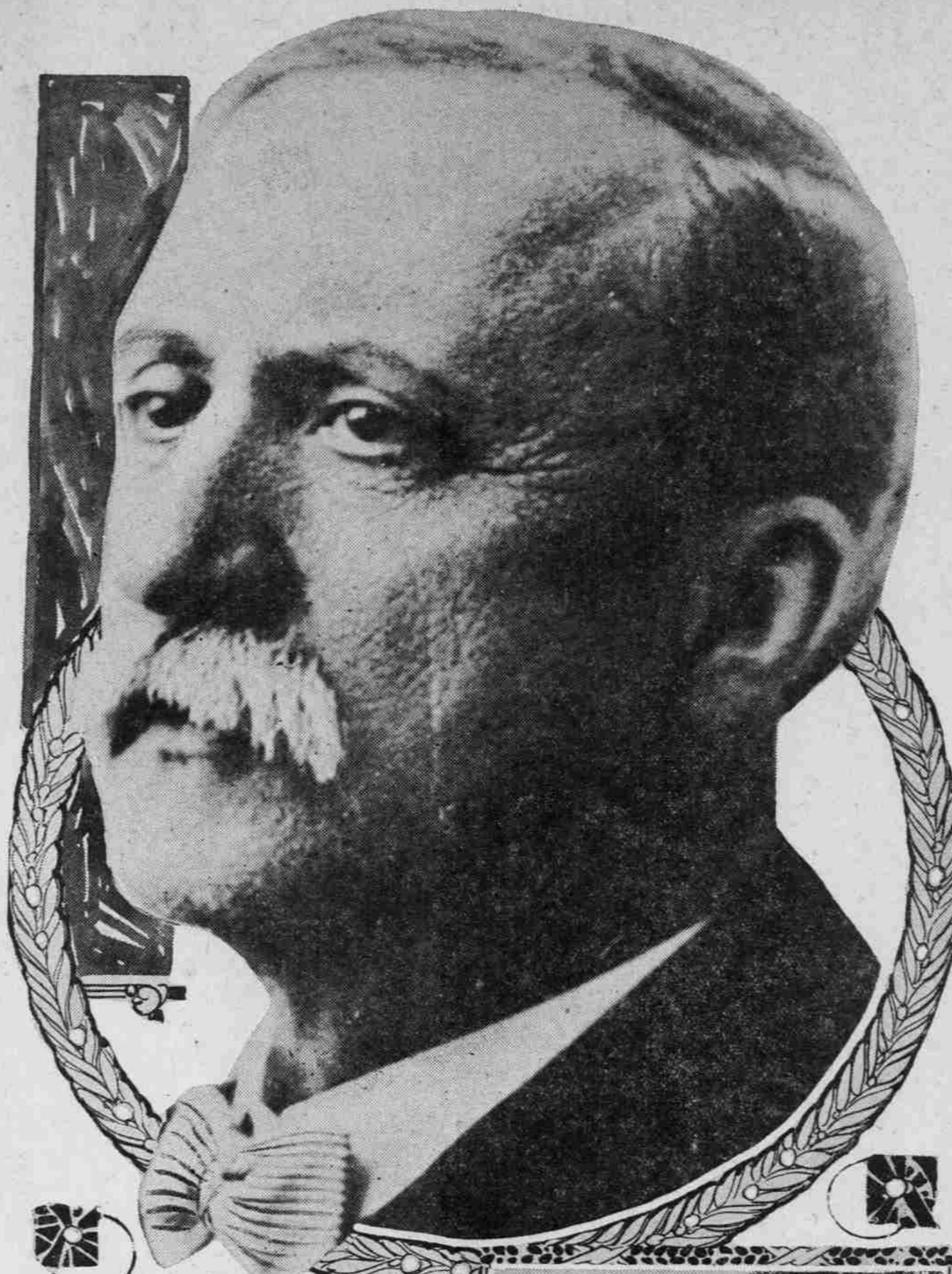
The address that will always be a part of the historical records of the state was made when as president of the Oregon State Senate May 22, 1903, he was chosen to deliver the address welcoming President Theodore Roosevelt to Oregon. Senator Brownell was at his best and in the following well chosen words welcomed the President to the state:

"Mr. President: In behalf of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, we welcome you to this state. I know that I express the welcome of both houses of our Legislative Assembly irrespective of political creed. We welcome you as President and Chief Executive of the greatest people and greatest country in the civilized world. We welcome you also because we believe you stand for the highest ideals of American citizenship.

"We welcome you because we believe that in your personality you represent more strongly than any other public character in America the energy, the pushing and progressive spirit of all Americans.

"We welcome you because we believe that you represent and stand for the high and legitimate claims of labor and capital to unite without repression from either in the upbuilding and development of the material resources of this Republic.

"We welcome you because we feel, Mr. President, that we can see in you that same spirit that has been illustrating so many times, by our fathers in this, that wherever we go as a people, wherever we stand we stand for the right and a higher civilization than that of any other people of this world."



Upper—George Clayton Brownell. Lower Left—The Brownell home at Concord Station. Lower Right—His two pet dogs, the upper one Dr. Benjamin Franklin, (Doc), the lower one, Lord Roberts (Bob). These dogs met poisoning and died within an hour of each other.

### Of Deeply Religious Nature

There are hermit souls that live withdrawn in the place of their self-content; There are souls like stars that dwell apart, In a fellowless firmament; There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths Where highways never ran— But let me live by the side of the road And be a friend to man.

Let me live in a house by the side of the road Where the race of men go by— The men who are good and the men who are bad, As good and as bad as I, I would not sit in the scorners' seat Or hurl the cynic's ban— Let me live in a house by the side of the road And be a friend to man.

I see from my house by the side of the road, By the side of the highway of life The men who press with the ardor of hope, The men who are faint with the strife; But I turn not away from their smiles nor their tears, Both parts of an infinite plan— Let me live in a house by the side of the road And be a friend to man.

I know there are brook-gladdened meadows ahead, And mountains of wearisome height, That the road passes on through the long afternoon And stretches away to the night, And still I rejoice when the travelers rejoice, And weep with strangers that moan, Nor live in my house by the side of the road Like a man who dwells alone

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ions than is accorded most men.

During the thirty years of his residence in Clackamas county he has played a leading role in the life of the community.

Serving three terms as state senator from Clackamas county he has awarded him during his last term in the senate, when he was chosen president of that body. He served one term as a member of the lower house having been elected to that office in 1916.

A political honor that came to him in 1916, when he was chosen mayor of Oregon City in a contest that will be long remembered. He prized this as his greatest victory. His political career began in Kansas, when 25 years of age, he was mayor of his home city. Later he was county attorney of the county in which he lived. When active in Kansas he made a stirring campaign for the prohibition ticket when St. John was the nominee of that party for president.

He had little patience with the dallying tactics of his party in dealing with the liquor traffic and in 1914 planned to make a campaign for the office of governor with a prohibition plank in the platform.

The condition of his health, the necessity of making a state-wide expensive campaign and not wishing to call upon his friends or to involve himself in debt, led him to a decision to abandon the campaign.

His home at Concord Station was his greatest pride. Several years ago he set out a tract of 1 1/2 acres to holly. The severe winter of 1919 severely damaged the trees just at the time they were beginning to bring in a substantial revenue. This was one of the little tragedies that caused him regret.

He was a pioneer breeder of milk goats and was among the first to bring these animals to the county.

### Funeral Services

Every business house in this city closed Tuesday afternoon during the hour of the funeral. Judge J. U. Campbell dismissed the circuit court jury at noon. The courthouse flag floated at half mast.

Elks temple, where the service was held, was filled to overflowing. Men and women from every walk of life and from all parts of the county gathered to say a last farewell to a loyal friend.

The services were simple but impressive, conforming to the wishes of the deceased. The floral tributes were profuse, being from the different organizations with which he had been connected, as well as from friends.

Judge Henry McGinn, close personal friend since the arrival of Brownell in Oregon, paid eloquent tribute to the memory of his friend, to the generous qualities and the deeds that had bound his friends so close during his active life.

The Rev. Melville T. Wire read the nineteenth Psalm and the fifteenth chapter of the First Corinthians; Mrs. E. E. Brodie sang, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

The concluding services were held for the family at the Portland crematorium, the Rev. E. H. Penec, of Portland, officiating.

The pall bearers were, with one exception, of the Clackamas county bar, being Grant B. Dimick, Chris Schuebel, William M. Stone, Oscar D. Eby, Livy Stipp and B. Thompson. Members of the Clackamas County Bar association attended in a body.

### Bar Association Holds Meeting

The members of the Clackamas County Bar association met at the court house Friday morning at 9 o'clock to take official recognition of his death. Judge J. U. Campbell was called to preside. O. D. Eby, Gilbert L. Hedges and Charles D. Latourette were appointed a committee on resolutions. Charles D. Latourette pronounced the eulogy and paid a glowing tribute to the character of their associate. In part he said: "In his business dealings he was scrupulously honest. He seemed to delight in doing generous deeds. Charles D. Latourette in eulogizing his memory, said: 'I believe he used to lay awake at night, devising means to bring happiness to some unfortunate.'"

Other speakers were Grant B. Dimick, Joseph E. Hedges, Livy Stipp, William M. Stone, Chris Schuebel, William Hammond and Arthur G. Beattie.

### Friend of Roosevelt

During the year of 1917 after he had entered into the World War Lie corresponded regularly with Theodore Roosevelt and exchanged letters at frequent intervals. He deeply regretted that Roosevelt was not allowed to go overseas. When Ambrose Brownell enlisted and was sent to France, Mr. Roosevelt wrote him a letter of congratulation from Oyster Bay, in which he said: "Good for your noble son. I am delighted to hear of his action. When you write him convey to him my best wishes."

### Touching Scenes

There were several touching scenes at the funeral services at the Elks Temple, but none more pathetic than an aged man from a remote part of the county, who paused when passing the casket and reaching out grasped the lifeless hands while tears streamed down his furrowed cheeks.

### His Family

Mr. Brownell is survived by his widow and two adopted sons, Ambrose, residing at the home at Concord Station, and Howard M., an attorney of Eugene, Oregon; a sister Miss Florence Brownell resides in Portland.

Mr. Brownell's generosity made it impossible to accumulate a fortune but he has left that larger heritage, a richness not measured in dollars.

### Elks Eulogize

At the regular meeting of the Elks Lodge Tuesday evening, Judge J. U. Campbell paid an eloquent tribute to his departed friend, to whom he feels he owes much of the success to which he has attained.

### Held Progressive Ideas

Judge Campbell states that Mr. Brownell was responsible for the adoption of the initiative and referendum and through his action in the senate made it possible for its adoption at a time, when had he taken other action it would have been delayed for years.

### Valued Friends

It has been the privilege of the writer to meet and know Mr. Brownell during the past five years. In that time I have learned to prize those traits of character emphasized by his friends. Many times, we have dropped into his office for a brief chat and never left without having a happier feeling than when I entered. He gave of his great heart to his friends and no one spent five minutes in his company that he did not receive something worth while. A kindly, courteous gentleman one who loved his brother man, has gone. We shall miss the hearty hand-clasp. We will delight in remembering him as when here.

## New Price Set By Ford Motor Co.

DETROIT, Mich., June 7.—The Ford Motor company today announced another reduction in the list price of all types of Ford cars and the Ford trucks to take effect immediately. The list prices, I. o. b. Detroit, now are as follows:

Touring car, \$415; runabout, \$376; coupe, \$695; sedan, \$760; chassis, \$345; and truck chassis \$495.

A statement accompanying the reductions says:

"The big reductions last fall were made in anticipation of low material costs which we are now getting the benefit of, and this fact, together with increased manufacturing efficiency, and the unprecedented demand for Ford cars, probably during the last three months permitting maximum production, have made possible another reduction immediately."

Wages of Ford workmen will not be reduced the statement says.

### PORTLAND MAN IS ROBBED

SPOKANE, Wash., June 4.—W. A. Boyle, 32, who started from Portland recently for Chicago in his touring car, arrived here today minus his car, camp equipment, provisions, money and part of his clothing, as the result he told the police, of two encounters with men whom he invited to ride with him.

A man to whom he gave a "lift" shortly after leaving Portland, Boyle said, held him up with a gun and took part of his clothing, his money, extra tires, part of his camping outfit and his provisions. When he reached Washuena, Wash. he picked up three other men, he said, and when nearly to Spokane he allowed them to take his car for a short side trip.

## Woolworth Store Says It Pays to Advertise

The Woolworth 5, 10 and 15 cent store of this city, has found that it pays to advertise in the Morning Enterprise. This was proven by advertisements appearing announcing a recent sale, which was in charge of Miss Ella Cross, head clerk, who was given the privilege of conducting the sale under the local managers.

A. B. Landis, made a record for the store, when it was awarded the first prize in the contest with other stores of the company competing in the fifth class. As a prize Miss Cross was given a week's salary. The business had increased 100 per cent of that of last year.

"I can truthfully say that our business came largely through the advertising we carried in the Morning Enterprise," said Miss Cross when telling of her luck. She selected her goods to be placed on sale and well arranged them to attract much attention to the many patrons during the sale.

Miss Cross has been with the company for over four years and is one of the most obliging and competent young women in its employ.

### THOMAS JONES

Thomas Jones, well known resident of Beaver Creek, died at his home Friday night at the age of 79 years.

Mr. Jones, who was a widower, has been making his home with his son, Charlie Jones, a bachelor of Beaver Creek, and had been ill for some time before his death. He was a native of Wales and had resided in the Beaver Creek country for many years.

The remains are at the Holman & Pace undertaking parlors and funeral services will be held from the Beaver Creek country for many years.