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**REPUBLICAN TICKET.**

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**HON. GEORGE BROWNELL.**

State Senator George C. Brownell entertained a large audience at the courthouse last night with a discussion of expansion and Bryan's paramount issue, "imperialism." To the majority of his audience Mr. Brownell was not a stranger, and for this reason the well-filled auditorium must be recognized largely as a compliment to himself. He is plainly a favorite here, and the fact was manifested in hearty applause and cordial greetings at the close of his address. His reputation as one of the leading orators of the state did not suffer through his effort last night. With the subject of expansion he is certainly a master. He has studied it carefully and speaks strictly from history, always keeping cause and effect at the surface. It's rather startling, when we pause to think about it, how we have hiked from old Plymouth Rock to the Pacific without even asking the consent of the inhabitants of the intervening territory. The history of past administrations proves, also, that there is nothing new under the sun—even in politics. Every occupant of the presidential chair during an expanding period has been the target of the same old cry of "imperialism." Mr. Brownell mixed logic and reason with eloquence, and left nothing to the imagination. He did not hurry over any particular point with a few crafty words, which are always the refuge of the shifty debater in time of trouble. He made every point clear—and occasionally reviewed. The only criticism we have heard was the result of this latter fact. His remarks might possibly have been shortened without rendering them less effective. Mr. Bryan has declared "imperialism" to be the "paramount issue," and for this reason Mr. Brownell devoted so much time to the subject. The voters of Oregon will give the bugaboo a black eye on the 6th of next month, and Lincoln county will be in line. The speaker closed with some pleasing remarks of local interest, advocating a persistent effort for the extension of the C. & E. railroad and the improvement of Yaquina harbor. The Toledo band furnished excellent music during the evening, and also greeted Mr. Brownell at the train. The night was rainy and rather disagreeable, and for this reason the speaker's reception was very flattering. It was clearly a case of mutual appreciation. 'Rah!

The Corvallis Times and other one-eyed Bryan organs continue to work themselves into a fine frenzy over Mark Hanna and the Bessemer Ore trust. They should give their readers all the news and devote a little space to Chairman Jones, Boss Croker and other Bryan leaders and the trusts in which they are interested.

Candidate Bryan should issue a bulletin every evening stating what the "paramount issue" for the following day will be. The daily newspapers could then keep the people up-to-date in the campaign.

Candidate Bryan pleads for just one term—says that's all he will accept. Should he be elected, and fulfill his promises, one term would undoubtedly be all the dear people could stand.

Candidate Bryan frequently reminds his audiences of the fact that silver dollars are being coined by our government at the ratio of 16 to 1 every month in the year. Now why doesn't he tell the whole truth? True, silver dollars are still being coined at the old ratio, but the coinage is limited—not "free and unlimited." A certain quantity of strychnine is sometimes valuable as a medicine, but too much means death.

Mr. Jacob S. Coxey of Massillon, Ohio, is not marching to Washington at the head of a ragged rabble this year. He did so in the last administration. He was then the "general" of an "army" of the unemployed, marching upon Washington as the mænads marched upon Paris—a multitudinous object lesson and protest against the industrial depression of those democratic times. There were those, indeed, who feared the demonstration would prove as formidable as did that of the mænads aforesaid, and would imperil the stability of the Republic itself, until an ingenious policeman plucked safety from danger by the simple expedient of ordering Mr. Coxey and his army to "keep off the grass." But, as we were saying before we fell into this reminiscent mood, Mr. Coxey is not marching to Washington this year. He has good reason for not doing so. He is too busy. He has opened a quarry and a mine and is building factories, from which he has every prospect of growing rich. With these things on hand he is too busy to go tramping through the mud. Besides, if he did march to Washington he would have to go alone. He could rally no "army of the unemployed" this year. All the men are too busy. This latter fact is strongly impressed upon Mr. Coxey's mind by the discovery that they are too busy with other profitable jobs to come and work for him at the high wages he offers. So he cannot get all the hands he wants to build and to operate his factories. He is himself too busy with profitable business to bother with politics, and the former comrades of his tramp are too busy to consider new offers of employment. "Too busy." It is a good excuse.—New York Tribune.

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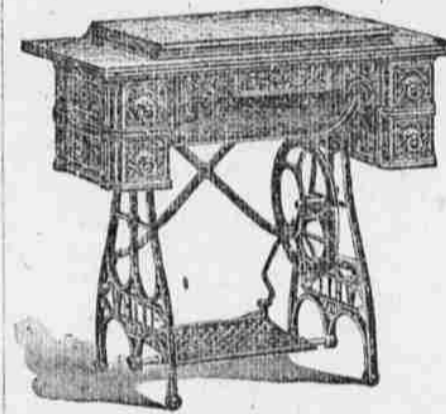
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