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**NO SELF DECEPTION**

In his talk to the Ontario men who entertained him at dinner last Friday evening Senator-elect R. N. Stanfield clearly outlined his status as Oregon's junior senator. He heartened his hearers with his comprehensive grasp of the problems before the nation, but more particularly before the Oregon delegation.

Mr. Stanfield is laboring under no false delusions. He will enter his office with the right conception of his election and the work that he must do to merit for himself re-election six years hence. His appraisal of his task is a manly one, such as only a man who has long faced real problems as they are would arrive at.

The Argus believes that Bob Stanfield will make good in Senate. He will not be another Chamberlain, eloquent and popular with everyone, for he does not have Mr. Chamberlain's personality nor gift of oratory. But he is a worker. He is constructive. He is practical. He does know the West and its problems, and those of Oregon in particular. There is no man in the west better versed in the ramifications of the stock business in all of its phases, and therefore he will be of immense value to the framers of the new tariff law by the committees of the congress which will convene on March 4.

In the election of Bob Stanfield Eastern Oregon for the first time has an advocate in the upper house whose first interests is its advancement. Other able men have represented Oregon in the past but they have been from the other side of the Cascades. Eastern Oregon has been to them their second consideration; not purposely perhaps, but unconsciously; for they knew not its problems intimately. But Bob Stanfield knows all of them. He was born and raised in the sight of sage brush. He has aided in the transformation of barren wastes into fertile fields.

Tho he may not be able to draw wonderful word pictures and launch on oratorical flights, yet when he speaks his message will be accepted by his fellows as the advise of an expert, prestige of success behind his utterances, and that is an immense advantage to the state.

Knowing, as he does, and says, that he was not elected because of himself, Mr. Stanfield declares that his one ambition now is to so serve the people of Oregon that six years hence the opposite will be true. He has before him a worthy goal; one that any man may be proud to attain. That aim will spur him on, and in its achievement will result great benefits for Eastern Oregon, benefits that she deserves, and might never attain without the aid of such as her senator-elect.

**THE DEFEAT OF NON PARTISANS**

Perhaps the most heartening feature of the recent election was the decisive defeat of the Non Partisan League in the Northwestern states. Of the seven states where townleyism fought for control, in six it was thoroughly beaten. In the seventh state, North Dakota, its hold was sadly shattered. While it won in the Governorship fight it lost control of the state House of Representatives and probably in the Senate as well.

No doubt it would have lost in the Governorship fight, too, had the Democratic candidate, J. F. T. O'Connor of Grand Forks, played the game during the primaries.

O'Connor played for the Non Partisan vote "laid off" during the fight of the Independents against the N. P. L. in June expecting that possibly William Langer would be successful in the fight against Frazier then, and he would inherit the N. P. L. strength in the contest this fall. In this he made his error for he thus aroused the enmity of Mr. Langer's friends who undoubtedly were luke warm in their support of his candidacy this fall.

In Minnesota, South Dakota, Montana, Colorado, Idaho and Washington, where the N. P. L. leaders had figured confidently on winning this fall, their ticket was snowed under.

This all happened in spite of the fact that the N. P. L. ticket was supported by the most complete political organization ever constructed in America. It was backed with funds sufficient to operate a national campaign, and had been working in the various states for many months.

There is but one acceptable theory to account for this result; namely: the decision of the American voter to return to a reasonable conception of government. Fanatical socialistic theories have had their day. They have been found wanting, and the people

have declared for the time being, at least that they want the government to administer the affairs of government and leave business affairs to the people themselves.

**THE USE OF THE INITIATIVE**

Oregon voters put a decided "crimp" in the use of the initiative and referendum in this state last week when they so decidedly refused their approval for practically every measure on the ballot.

It is to be hoped that this is an omen of what will happen in the future, tho it is to be regretted that some of the measures did not succeed. Yet there was nothing else to be expected. With so many measures before them most of the voters, not having read the bills, for the pamphlets are seldom even opened, took the safe course and just voted no all

down the line.

If the Oregon system is to be saved by its friends for the good service it can give as an emergency safeguard, provision should be made to restrict use to only measures of primary importance to all the state.

**TAKE TIME FOR READJUSTMENT**

The election is over. The league of nations issue has been disposed of, so far as the public is concerned. The details of the peace treaty will now go forward in its natural order, but it will take months for business to readjust itself.

The troubles of business are not all political. There are financial difficulties, rates of exchange are in a state of flux and many business houses which depend upon foreign consumption to take their excess have no field for activity. The peo-

ple of the country must not expect to see business mount phoenix-like from the ruins of war and domestic turmoil in a few days. Patience and perseverance will be essential virtues in the trying months to come, but Americans need not be afraid, there are good times ahead.

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