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Our Political Complexion

As the political pot is beginning to warm up, and soon the would-be candidate, or his agent, will be abroad in the land, it may be as well to state again the political position of the NEWS. When we assumed charge, we announced that in politics it would be independent. By that we do not mean neutral or non-partisan, both of which terms have recently acquired undesirable connotations, the one in regard to a new political party which is far from being what it calls itself, and the other in regard to the war, when neutrality became impossible.

We mean what we write INDEPENDENT, or perhaps non-affiliated to any particular party. Not that we are indifferent to politics, but it has always seemed to us unfair for a paper like the NEWS, which is a small affair and serves a clientele made up of different political adherents with no one party in a large majority, to take a partisan stand. Besides the mission of the NEWS is not primarily political. If it were, it would require an editor of different caliber to its present one. Personally we are republican and expect to vote the straight republican ticket, unless maybe in the county offices, for in these the man not his politics, is the main consideration.

We are confirmed in our determination by the knowledge that our views are perfectly innocuous, to use a word from the ponderous vocabulary of a former distinguished president. No matter how brilliant, in our private opinion, our political expressions are not worth a tinkers-dam in effect. (That is not profane although it may so sound). Our previous experience in the ministry has only too surely impressed us with our limitations. Of course about election time, the country editor receives a few bouquets from political aspirants, but we have had too many of the kind concerning our pulpit effusions, to be deceived as to their real worth. We are not cynical, fortunately a sense of humor has saved us from that. But like the Missourian, we shall have to be shown before we believe that we materially influence public opinion in our locality to any marked extent.

We wish to be perfectly frank. We shall accept political advertising from any party, which is not disloyal, at 25 cents per inch paid in advance, net to the publisher. But we reserve the right to express our opinion as to the various measures advocated, and we may even comment on some of the candidates in a jeu d'esprit, as our French allies would say.

No doubt our determination will be a disappointment to some, but as we are paying the bills, we have a right to call the tune, or pitch the key, and of our paper we would say: "A poor thing perhaps, but it is our own."

The Race for U. S. Senator

The NEWS commented last week on the prospective race between Robert Stanfield and Senator Chamberlain if both should secure the nominations of their respective parties. The editor was taken to task by a warm supporter of the former, who seems to have discovered a slur on Mr. Stanfield in the reference to his barr'l. It was not so intended, for the editor expects to vote for Mr.

Stanfield, as having lived for nearly fourteen years in eastern Oregon, he has a warm sentiment for that part of the state, and believes that it should have greater political consideration than it has heretofore enjoyed. But this does not blind his eyes to the fact that Senator Chamberlain as political antagonist, is exceptionally astute, and has apparently hypnotized or bamboozled many of republicans into voting for him, and will continue so to do.

We confess that we admire his astuteness but we have never voted for him nor do we ever expect to. We have seen him and tried to catch the mellifluous accents of his eloquence, and admit the pleasantness of his suavity and affableness. But as was remarked of the Portland Journal "that it was independent except about election time, when it had a pronounced leaning to the democratic party, so our astute senator is non-partisan when out vote getting, but strongly leans to the democrats when it comes to the apportionment of political rewards. He deserves well we admit, at the hands of his party and would make splendid material for a democratic vice-presidential nominee.

Last Monday the railroads reverted to private ownership. It will be like unscrambling scrambled eggs to get things to right once more.

A year from now it will be moving day at the White House, Washington, D. C.

The Banker

Politicians are free to make capital by denouncing bankers, and too many of the rest of us have been all too willing to agree with the politician, says the Clovis, N. M. Journal.

There is in no community a man who does more for that community and takes as little out of it as the banker. You are in doubt as to the money affairs, may be you stand to lose several thousand dollars in a transaction and you consult a banker. He sits down with you, and gives you freely of the time that is worth good money to him; he gives you the benefit of counsel that he has been years in learning, and you depart on your way with a mere thank you. And too often you forget before the end of the week that the banker did you a favor. The banker has won the respect of his community simply by playing square with the public, and by devoting all the time he can possibly spare to making that community a better and brighter place in which to live.

W. S. S.

Uncle Sam sold \$134,230,697.-84 worth of Thrift Stamps, War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates during 1919, according to a report of the Savings Division of the Treasury department. Probably twice as much was lost by less cautious investors in fake oil stocks and similar worthless paper.

Owing to the water being shut off Tuesday, there was no school held in the afternoon.

The Successful Man

IS the one who deals where he is satisfied that he is getting the most for his money, and when he finds that he can make a saving of 5 or 10 per cent takes advantage of it.

We do not claim that we sell everything 10 per cent less than our competitors, but we do a large percentage.

Some merchants make special prices on one or two articles below cost to draw trade. We do not intend selling anything below cost, but we will guarantee that our prices will average very close to 10 per cent below any prices our competitors can make you.

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In the same way one can wash without soap. Water alone will remove some dirt if applied with enough "elbow grease."

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