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THE SANTIAM NEWS, being the only newspaper published in the Forks of the Santiam, and believing in giving all political parties a square deal, we will publish announcements of persons aspiring for political office, giving a short personal write-up of the person announcing themselves, all at reasonable advertising rates. If you desire to be a candidate, you cannot have the fact too well known by the voters.

CONGRESSIONAL ASPIRANTS.

It is a foregone conclusion that if the Republican party of the First Congressional District casts a united party vote for its nominee for Congress at the coming June election, he will be elected, easily. This being true, everyone, Democrats as well as Republicans, are interested as to whom the nominees of that party will be. So far there are but three names mentioned as probable candidates, viz.: Mr. Tooze, of Woodburn; Prof. Hawley, of Salem, and Mr. S. B. Huston, of Washington County.

Mr. Tooze, who is now postmaster of Woodburn, was the first of these gentlemen to fling his banner to the Congressional breezes. That is to say, give to the public his personal platform. In this platform, or declaration of things which he would favor if nominated at the primaries and elected on the first Monday of June next, Mr. Tooze favors almost everything that any locality in the district wants. Indeed, if you read his pronouncement, you are forced to the conclusion that this Woodburn postmaster is in favor of anything and everything that anybody else favors. No doubt, if he overlooked anything in his enumeration that anybody favors, if the matter is mentioned to him, he will gladly include the item overlooked. Mr. Tooze has spread himself over so much territory and has become so transparent that his object, "I want your vote at the Primary," stands out in bold relief. Should he receive a plurality of the Republican vote at the primaries, and be declared the nominee, then there would be grounds for the Democrats to hope for the election of their candidate. Mr. Tooze is of the class of politicians denominated "Peanut," and also, we are informed, has a private character that is quite assailable.

Prof. Hawley, of Salem, is a clean man politically, for he has not hitherto been at all prominent in Oregon politics. The professor urges the fact that he has not been aligned with either Republican faction as an element of his strength should he be nominated. He, in his declaration of principles, states that his Republicanism is unquestioned and unquestionable—that he is a Republican of the most orthodox type, as defined at the present time and in the same breath declares himself a "Lincoln Republican." The professor has surely forgotten the principles advocated by the great commoner of the Illinois prairies, or he is not up-to-date on Mark Hanna Republicanism, for the principles advocated by Mr. Lincoln and the principles of the Republican party of today are as far apart, and as opposed to each other, as pole is to pole. Prof. Hawley is, without doubt, a fine educator, but as a modern, up-to-date politician—one who is up-to-date in the reform politics demanded by the people, he is likely to prove a failure.

Of the three, Mr. Huston, of Washington County, seems, as Congressional timber, head and shoulders above either of the Marion County aspirants. He is a lawyer that holds a respectable position among the legal minds of the state and, so far as we know, has a spotless reputation as a citizen. The only objection that could be urged against him is "He lives too near Portland," and, as was the case with Mr. Tongue, who was from the same county, would see nothing but Portland's interests, should he be elected to Congress.

It is said that as Mr. Tooze was the first to announce his platform, he practically wrote the platforms for his competitors. This is undoubtedly true. He so completely covered the field in bidding for votes that neither of the other gentlemen could say anything without, in a measure, covering the same subjects.

The NEWS hopes that the Republican candidate will be selected from some point further South than either Marion or Washington counties. No matter how well intentioned a man may be, he will work more earnestly for the things in which he is personally interested. Either of these aspirants may say that they will work just as faithfully and earnestly for the improvement of Coos and Yaquina bays as he would for the Willamette and Columbia rivers. But dare we trust them? Before Mr. Tongue was elected to Congress, work on the Yaquina jetty was carrid on every year. With his election it suddenly developed in the minds of the Government engineers that Yaquina was unworthy of further expenditure. Mr. Tongue may not have been to blame for this; but, it is safe to say, had Mr. Hermann been re-elected, the engineers would have reported differently.

The safer plan is to select a Congressman whose personal interests are associated with the development of the Upper Willamette, Umpqua and Rogue River valleys. The improvement of Yaquina and Coos bays will do this. Portland has two Senators to look after the interests of the Willamette and Columbia rivers, and that should be sufficient. The Second district has three-fourths of our Congressional delegation, anyway, and for this reason the North end of the First district should not furnish our Congressman. A "square deal" would place the selection no further North than Linn County, at the farthest.

THE PEOPLE AS LAWMAKERS.

Quite a number of people seem to think that, with the adoption of the Initiative and Referendum and the Direct Primary laws (which, as adopted, are equivalent to amendments to the Constitution) we, the people, have accomplished about everything that is necessary to institute honesty and economy in State, County and Municipal governments. This is a mistaken idea. The abovementioned amendments, or laws, simply restore to the people power to enact or veto law, and to nominate candidates for office. These amendments, or laws, materially curtail the power of the Legislature, and do away with the necessity of the political delegate convention.

Now, in order to make these restored powers of the people effective, the people must act, and act intelligently. In order that you may be able to assist in bringing out honest and capable men for State and County offices, it is necessary that your name should be placed upon the registry books at once. Unless you register in this month, you cannot legally sign the petition of an aspirant for office, to be voted for at the primary; nor can you vote at the primary unless your name appears upon the registry books. There is no provision made for registration on the day of primary election, as is the case on general election day. Therefore, it is most important that you look after registration matters at once.

Under the Initiative and Referendum law, you will be called upon to pass upon several important matters on the first Monday of June, next. It will be remembered that the big blanket appropriation bill of the last session of the Legislature was held up by the necessary number of petitioners, and you will, therefore vote for or against sustaining the act of the Legislature in making the blanket appropriations. If the bill is vetoed by the voters at the polls, something like $400,000 will be saved to the State.

By the Initlative several matters will be submitted to the voters: An amendment to the Local Option law; Female Suffrage; an important assessment and taxation measure, and several other measures that are not reported as having the requisite number of petitioners, as yet. The proposed assessment measure is a most important one. By it a large portion of, and eventually, all of the revenue for State purposes will be derived from taxing corporations, insurance companies, franchises, etc. This is the method pursued in most of the older states, and has proven quite satisfactory. It is also proposed to have the precinct assessment roll published in the newspapers nearest the respective precincts. In this way, it is thought, much of the property that now escapes taxation, will be listed and be made to bear its just proportion of the tax burden.

It can be seen, then, that while the Initiative and Referendum and the Direct Primary laws are not reforms within themselves, they simply are a means to an end. They place the ability within the hands of the people to bring about any and all reforms which they may desire. But to do so it is necessary for the people to interest themselves in matters political more prominently than they ever have before. You have assumed the responsibility of making or vetoing law and of naming candidates for office. It is, therefore, the public duty of every citizen to inform himself upon all public matters, so that when you go to the polls on election day, you can cast an intelligent vote—one that will make the condition of the common people the very best possible. An excellent plan would be to have numerous precinct meetings where these reform measures can be discussed. The political duty of a citizen of Oregon is much more important now than it was two years ago. You have assumed an important responsibility. Don't shirk it! Register! See that good men's names are placed on the primary ballot as candidates for office, by assisting in preparing the necessary petitions. We now know what our duties as citizens are; let us not be backward in discharging them.

CONGRESSMAN HERMANN, who started for the national capital December 26, has as yet (Tuesday January 9) failed to show up in that city. No reports of the Congressman have been received since the 3d inst., when he was reported to have left St. Paul on his Eastward journey. If he has reached Washington City, he nor his family are not making any noise about the matter. For all the good he can do, he might as well have stayed at his Roseburg home. Mr. Hermann's position is neither pleasant to himself nor to the people of his Congressional district. If he would tender his resignation to Governor Chamberlain, he would thereby end the whole unpleasant situation, so far as the people are concerned.

THE FORKS OF THE SANTIAM embraces the larger half of the area of Linn County, with its full share of the bridges. For this reason one member of the County Court should be selected from this section of the country. This would be simply just and right. At the present time, nevertheless about one-third of the population of Linn County resides in the "Forks," this locality is unrepresented among the County or Legislative officers. A square deal would give the "Forks" at least one-third of the places on each of the tickets to be nominated at the coming primary election.

EX-GOVERNOR GEER should be commended for his able defense of the Primary law, in Monday's Oregonian. He points to the fact that nine-tenths of the people, and the Legislature, have pronounced in the past as being in favor of the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. The Direct Primary makes it possible for the people to name the senator by pledging candidates for the Legislature to ratify the people's choice for United States Senator.

ELECTION JUDGES AND CLERKS.

The following is a list of judges and clerks of election for the precincts in the Forks of the Santiam:

Fox Valley—Judges, Hadley Hobson, Henry Lyons, W. R. Story; Clerks, J. F. Potter, J. S. Mill, W. H. Trask.

Jordan—Judges, W. R. Ray, C. M. Sawyer, S. B. Cole; Clerks, F. T. Thayer, T. C. Trask, A. R. McCall.

Lacomb—Judges, J. A. Plummer, W. H. Mills, John Davenport; Clerks, J. C. Hardin, Frank Gaiser, C. E. Soule.

Wolf Creek—Judges, E. Hennessy, Theodore Goddard, W. P. Robertson; Clerks, Ed. Davis, S. M. Bassett, J. R. Geddes.

North Scio—Judges—J. A. Bilyeu, H. H. Quigley, T. M. Munkers; Clerks, W. A. Ewing, Frank Gill, T. L. Dugger.

South Scio—Judges, E. D. Myers, William McAbbott, A. T. Powell, Clerks, William May, George C. Johnston, William Brenner.

Santiam—Judges, C. M. Gaines, —— Gilbert, H. C. Powell; Clerks, W. A. Ray, M. Propst, W. J. Turnidge.

Shelburn—Judges, Michael Kelly, William Wilson, P. L. Arnold; Clerks, S. H. Goins, J. W. Miller, H. S. Shilling.

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R. L. White, sheriff	166.66
W. W. Francis, recorder	150.00
James Elkins, treasurer	83.55
W. L. Jackson, superintendent	83.55
F. C. Stellmacher, deputy clerk	60.00
Q. E. Propst, deputy sheriff	60.00
W. J. Fisher, sup't poor farm	40.00
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