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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 persons 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.

OUR SPACE IS OUR CAPITAL.

The NEWS has received a number of communications from would-be candidates for offices, with declaration of principles of such particular candidate included, with the request that we publish the same.

Now, we do not just know what to think of such requests. The writers must either think the NEWS editor is very "easy" or that he is hard pushed for news items. With due deference for all these gentlemen who wish to secure a lucrative office, we will simply remark that we are not editing a newspaper for health purposes. We, like most other people, desire something more substantial than "hot air" for dinner. Clothes and footgear have the uncomfortable disposition to wear out occasionally, and our credit at the stores is nil. We have no other means of securing the necessary wherewithal, than to sell newspaper space. This we will supply to any person of respectability, no matter what his political sentiments may be, at moderate rates.

True, the NEWS is but a small country weekly newspaper, with but limited influence, and an announcement in its columns reaches but a few thousands readers; yet its influence must be valuable to these would-be candidates, else they would not ask for it. Therefore, if its limited influence is worth having, it is worth paying for.

When the tickets are selected at the primary election, the NEWS will select such candidates as it deems for the best interests of the people, and give such its support. But to make its columns a free vehicle in which to exploit the good qualities of this or that aspirant for office, is simply asking for something which we sell for bread and butter purposes. These gentlemen practically say to us, "Your space or influence is of no value;" for the reason that they do not offer to pay for it. We may be any easy mark in most things, but not quite so easy as these gentlemen seem to infer. Gentlemen, we would like to accommodate you. In fact, we yearn to do so. But when one's wife and babies are crying for bread, he can't always sometimes obey his benevolent instincts.

GOOD GOVERNMENT OUR AIM.

A political campaign is just now being opened and, to most people, it is of more than ordinary importance. A great many of us have been agitating and working on lines of reform for years. Now the opportunity is at hand to accomplish the end to which we have been working. We have passed the preliminary stage and have just reached the point where actual reform may be commenced. The adoption of the Initiative and Referendum and the Direct Primary laws are simply a means by which the end sought—reform, can be reached. It now rests entirely with the people how quickly the desired results shall be reached.

For many years our Legislative assemblies have been a delusion and a snare. It has, as a rule, done the things the masses of the people did not want, and left undone the things that they wanted. Now, through the Initiative, the people can enact such measures into law as the majority may desire, independent of the Legislative Assembly. If the Legislature should enact a measure objectionable to the people, they can, by means of the Referendum, veto its action. For many years the people have submitted to having men whom they did not trust nor desire, nominated and elected to the United States Senate, and nominated through packed conventions for other offices. Now, through the Direct Primary law, the people themselves can name the men who may be elected to office. If bad men are selected, therefore, we, the people, will ourselves be to blame. Every good citizen ought to, and probably does, have but one object in view when he casts his vote for the State and County officials, and that is "Good Government." It makes but little difference what an official's political or religious sentiments may be, if he is only honest and capable, and is actuated dy a desire in his official duties for the welfare of all the people. The people having demonstrated that they are the only Simon Pure bosses, and having recalled this power from the hands of unscrupulous and unprincipled persons, who were abusing the trust, they must now take hold of the matter themselves.

In the use of the Initiative and Referendum the people seem to be fully alive to the importance of the privilege and are making liberal use of the law.

The importance of a full and complete expression of the people at the primary election is fully as great as that of the general election in June. At the primary election men may be nominated for office who are not generally acceptable to the people, unless all of the voters are on hand to have a voice in the matter. After the several tickets are named on that day, the people have no option but to elect one of the candidates for any particular office. The importance, then, of naming none but good men for office at that time, is very apparent. In fact, if a mistake in selecting a candidate is made, it can only be made at the Primary.

Among the various persons mentioned as poossible candidates, and from among whom the selection will be made, are the names of many good, competent men—men who would make excellent officials, and there are others. Upon you, fellow-citizens, rests the important duty of selecting the proper candidate. You cannot do this if you neglect to register, and stay at home to do this or that job of work on Primary day. You will shirk a duty that the law and good citizenship requires of you, if you do do so. Nor will you have any just right to kick, if an objectionable candidate is named, for the reason that you did not come out to help defeat his nomination. The day has passed when a good citizen can stay from the polls either on Primary or General Election day. Such neglect may not only result in injury to yourself, but to your neighbor as well, for a bad, incompetent or hishonest official is a public injury and will in time result in degeneracy of the body politic. Therefore your duty to vote at the primary and general election is, morally, just as imperative as it is to pay your taxes.

We can and will have just as good or as bad a government as we deserve. If your official structure is not erected upon a sound and honest base, it must, in time, fall. But if the base, which is the people, is sound and honest, and each and every stick of timber (the officials) is sound and honest, with "Good Government" as the watchword, we can and will erect a governmental superstructure that will stand for all time. Our only test on Primary and General Election days should be, not whether he is a Republican, a Democrat, a Prohibitionist, or a Socialist, but "Is he honest and capable?" Will he in his official action, first, last and all the time, be faithful to the trust imposed upon him. Our duty, therefore, is plain. Of the various names mentioned as probable candidates, let us endeavor to select none but honest, capable men; then on General Election day select from among the candidates offered, he who is best fitted for the place. If we will but abandon all selfish motives, in selecting officials and keep but the one object, "Good Government," in view, we cannot, nor will not, make a mistake.

UNCLE SAM AS A WORLD POWER.

Citizens of the United States generally think that their county is, as compared with any and all other nations, the fairest and best upon the face of the globe. Our respect, love and pride for our Uncle Samuel has never paled since the British Lion received such a pressing invitation at Yorktown to return to his native haunts. But the Old World countries, until quite recently, have not held our country in as high esteem as we, ourselves, have. Our civil war never demonstrated to the outside world that we possessed any great amount of military prowess; but when Spain's poor, miserable soldiers and sailors met the "Yankees" in conflict and were annihilated with ease, then England, and France, and Germany, and Russia concluded that there was something besides "brag" in the Yankee soldiers and sailors.

In a like proportion have our statesmen and diplomats come to be respected by these Old World peoples. In evidence of this fact, when President Roosevelt asked Japan and Russia to stop fighting and settle their difficulties by the less dangerous method of diplomacy, they did so. Now while these belligerent nations entertained a very great respect for our president as a man, no doubt, it was the great country of which he was the recognized spokesman, that inspired this respect. President Roosevelt, because of the great influence of the country he represented, was able to bring to a close the most destructive and bloody war of modern times. This unparalleled achievement earned him the title of "World Peacemaker." Now this title is to be emphasized by the Old World peoples, who seem to be in a general muss over affairs in Turkey and Morocco, asking him to settle their difficulties for them. The president's "big stick" is thus, instead of being a menace to the peace of the world, as was feared when he came into office, becoming a world pacificator. Truly has the United States become a world power and the world is better for it. If our country possesses the power to purify itself of the grafters and scoundrels that have secured and abused positions of trust, it will have demonstrated, not only to itsely, but to the entire civilized world that a government of the people, by the people, for the people is the highest and most perfect type of government among men.

PETITIONS are being circulated asking the State of Oregon to purchase, for $24,000, what is known as the "Barlow Road," crossing the Cascade Mountains near the Columbia River. This request is a graft of the rankest quality. We are informed that the persons who circulated the petition receive ten cents for every name that will be certified to by the clerk of the county in which the petition is circulated. Of course, the requisite number of petitioners will be secured and the question will be voted upon in June. Every voter should write NO in very large caps when he reads that question on his ballot. No doubt the people who built this road and have collected tolls for the past thirty or forty years for the use of the road, would now, because the road has become unprofitable because of the railroads, like to sell it. But the people of Oregon do not want to buy; hence the owners will probably have to keep it, or make the public a free gift of it, just as they like.

AS AN EVIDENCE of the wide extent of the reform sentiment among Oregon voters of today, one has but to notice how anxiously eager the would-be candidates for Congress are to get into the reform band wagon. At least two of the Republican aspirants are old-time ring politicians and probably care but little for most of the reforms demanded by the people further than to ride into office on the reform wave. But reform is in the air, gentlemen, and if you keep in the swim you will have to join the throng, and be honest about it, too.

ONE of the Initiative measures that we will be called to vote upon next June will be that of Equal Suffrage. As the women get about everything that they seriously undertake to get, and they say they are very much in earnest this time, we, the men, might as well surrender unconditionally; for we will have to do so sooner or later.

Political Announcements

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF LINN CO.:
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MARK TWAIN ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN NEW ZEALAND.

In Mark Twain's "Following the Equator," is a couple of pages devoted to Woman Suffrage in New Zealand, in which he gives the official figures showing that women vote in that country in as great a proportion as do the men. In the official report he also found this statement: "A feature of the election was the orderliness and sobriety of the people. Women were in no way molested." In commenting upon this he says:

"At home a standing argument against Woman Suffrage has always been that women could not go the polls without being insulted. The prophets have been prophesying ever since the woman's rights movement began in 1848—and in 40 years they have never scored a hit.

"Men ought to begin to feel a sort of respect for their mothers and wives and sisters by this time. The women deserve a change of attitude like that, for they have wrought well. In forty-seven years they have swept an imposingly large number of unfair laws from the statute books of America. In that brief time these serfs have set themselves free—essentially. Men could not have done so much for themselves in that time without bloodshed—at least they never have. The women have accomplished a peaceful revolution, and a very beneficent one; and yet that has not convinced the average man that the are intelligent and have courage and energy and perseverance and fortitude. It takes much to convince the average man of anything; and perhaps nothing can ever make him realize that he is the average woman's inferior—yet in several important details the evidences seem to show that that is what he is. Man has ruled the human race from the beginning—but he should remember that up to the middle of the present century it was a dull world, and ignorant and stupid. This is woman's opportunity—she has had none before. I wonder where man will be in another forty-seven years?"

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Ducks,	" "	12
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