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THE FRIEND IN NEED.

A LEADING editorial in a late issue of the Oregonian contained a statement, which most of the veterans of the civil war will take exceptions to. We allude to the statement "United States notes are the very worst form of substitutes for money."

The NEWS, with all due respect for the big daily, believes this statement not a true one. On the contrary, it believes United States notes or greenbacks, are the very best form of substitutes for money and that they are the very best money ever coined or issued by the Federal government. Why?

"A friend in need is a friend indeed" never was more true than were the greenbacks, which were issued by authority of congress, when our country was assailed by the most gigantic and determined foe of her history. In a few months after the states of the South had waged the war of rebellion our small amount of gold and silver money disappeared from circulation. A large sum of money was necessary with which to buy arms and munitions of war; equip huge armies and furnish them sustenance. Gold and silver could not be collected from the people in the way of taxes; for the people did not have them. Congress, in order to meet and supply this need, provided the greenback as a substitute for the gold and silver that had deserted the Nation in her hour of need. Congress decreed that this substitute should be legal tender for all debts public and private, except duties on imports and interest on the public debt.

The people patriotically accepted and used the greenback. It bought guns and munitions of war, paid the soldiers, provided food and clothing for them, and made it possible for the United States to prosecute and bring to a successful conclusion the most sanguinary war of her history.

And this is the money or substitute for money which the Oregonian characterizes as "The very worst form of substitute for money?" Had the Oregonian published such a sentiment as this in any of the loyal states East of the Rocky mountains during the progress of the civil war, it would not have published another issue; and its editor would have had leisure to look at the world through prison bars. Hundreds of citizens were placed in prison, at that time, for uttering no more disloyal words than these. This "Very worst substitute for money" paid the soldiers. They received it at its face value while the denizens of Wall street, New York, who evidently held the greenback in the same esteem with the Oregonian, would accept them at no more than one-half their face value. The soldiers and people in general, received the greenbacks in a patriotic spirit; Wall street in the cold-blooded, selfish, estimate of the money lord.

The NEWS editor, as one of the boys who wore the Blue, feels that the Oregonian has, unintentionally, administered a sort of covert insult to the old soldiers. We can but feel that in uttering the words in the statement given, it has cheapened the service we rendered our country in her hour of need. Bad as the greenbacks were, we accepted them willingly. Estimated on the gold basis of that day, we served for about \$6 per month; though the nominal pay was \$16. Had our country demanded, we would have served without any pay at all. We were not soldiering for the money there was in it, by no means. Yet to have, even nearly fifty years after the close of the war, our service belittled by degrading the money in which we were paid, is, to say the least, not pleasant. The Oregonian should apologize to the old soldiers.

Suppose, for argument, that instead of greenbacks, we had attempted a system of national bank notes, as we have them now, or clearing house certificates. Could congress have made either of them a legal tender, as it did the greenbacks? Would the people and the world in general have received them with the same feeling of security which the greenback inspired? Most certainly not. Then the greenback is not "The very worst form of substitute for money."

As before stated, the NEWS thinks United States

notes the very best form of money. They depend upon the life and stability of the government and the patriotism of the people, for their value. They should rest upon a basis, not of gold, but upon the taxing power of the government, as their source of value. At all events, the money that stays with us in our direst need, that fights our battles and pays our army and navy is a better money or substitute for money than the money that goes into hiding at the crack of an enemies gun. It surely is deserving of a better fate than to be characterized as the "Very worst form of substitute for money."

SHOULD SHOW THE WHOLE TRUTH

A HALF TRUTH is no truth at all, is an old and very true saying. Judge Stewart in his statements to the public implies that the amount of money paid by Linn county as her share of the state tax, has been much heavier under his administration than was paid under the Palmer administration, the four years immediately preceding. Here are the figures as the records will show, commencing with the year 1900, Judge Palmer's first year:

1900 State tax	\$44,799
1901 " "	44,857
1902 " "	48,392
1903 " "	39,989
First half 1904 " "	32,217

Total 210,254

Under Judge Stewart:

Last half 1904 State tax	\$32,244
1905 " "	53,965
1906 " "	32,875
1907 " "	53,915
First half 1908 " "	30,000

Total " " 202,999

The public is entitled to know these facts. The NEWS is not fighting Judge Stewart; but it will not permit the public to be misled, unintentional though it may be on Judge Stewart's part.

The NEWS has often commended the excellence of Judge Stewart's administration in looking after the public highways. None of his predecessors have equaled him. But the fact exists that he collected a larger tax than any of his predecessors, as well. The people are entitled to a full and complete statement of this matter, which has not yet been made.

SHOULD BE BOUNCED.

THERE IS A crowd of politicians and would-be-bosses down in Portland, whom the people of Oregon would do well to place in the "Down and Out" club. We allude to the crowd which is engineering the scheme to displace Statement No. 1 of our primary law and ultimately the law itself.

The scheme is to elect a majority of the members of the legislature who refuse to subscribe to Statement No. 1, who are members of the Republican party; then to give the popular vote to the Democratic U. S. senator. It can readily be seen that should their plans succeed, there would be a crowd of legislators down at Salem next winter which would be subservient to the wishes of the bosses. As a result, any kind of legislation might be expected. They would be sure to so hamper the Direct Primary and Initiative and Referendum laws, with regulations and clogs that the wishes of the political boss would be supreme, in the future.

The only safe way for the people of Oregon to protect the reform laws placed upon our statute books, is to elect a legislature pledged by Statement One. This is more important than the election of a Democrat or a Republican legislature. If we would keep the ship of state free from the domination of these time-serving place-hunting politicians, we must hold fast to the progress we have made and never take a step backward.

In Linn county these reforms are safe. It is only in strongly Republican counties wherein assaults upon Statement No. 1 are being made. Little did these political bosses realize, when in permitting our present Direct Primary to become a law, they were placing a power in the hands of the people which meant death to political bossism in Oregon. They know and realize that fact now. Hence their determined fight to overthrow it.

The present political campaign will demonstrate whether the masses of the Republican party are ruled by patriotic or partisan motives. If they follow the lead of this Portland gang, then we can conclude the welfare of the Republican party in general and these political bosses in particular, is held in higher estimation, by that party, than the welfare of the state or the entire people.

It is becoming apparent that there are several elements acting with the Republican party, which are determined to carry out their selfish purposes, no matter at what cost to the people. This assault on Statement One and the ratification by the people of the U. of O. continuous appropriation bill are examples in point. We could mention several other interests which are governed by selfish impulses. But the above are the most prominent. One of the proposed measures upon which the people will vote next June, is to make Statement No. 1 obligatory and binding upon all legislators. If the people give this measure their

Political Announcement.

In this column will be published the announcements of any citizen who aspires to the candidacy for any office, subject to the will of the voters at the forthcoming primaries.

To the Republican voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself as an aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of

COUNTY RECORDER

GRANT FROMAN,
Present Recorder.

To the Republican voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself as an aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of

COUNTY TREASURER

J. B. LEATHERMAN,
Albany, Oregon.

To the Republican Voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself an aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

T. J. BUTLER,
Albany, Oregon.

To the Democratic Voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself an aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of

COUNTY JUDGE

C. H. STEWART,
Present County Judge.

To the Democratic Voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself as an aspirant, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election, for the candidacy for the office of

COUNTY JUDGE

C. L. SHAW,
Price Precinct,
P. O. Albany, Oregon.

assent it will place the political boss as we now know him, in the Down and Out club, sure enough. If the people sit down on the U. of O. appropriation bill, firmly and solidly at the same time, they will strangle a growing educational aristocracy which will in time, if unhampered, become a menace to the best interests to the state.

The NEWS is of opinion that there are three classes of honest men, now-a-days. Men who are honest because the law compels them to be so; Men who are honest at for policy sake; and men who are honest because it is simply right to be honest. As a matter of fact, the last mentioned are the only really honest ones. Unfortunately for society in general, there are too many of the first and second classes mentioned.

The liar and scandal monger are the worst enemies society has to contend with. They are worse than the thief or murderer. The crime of the thief or murderer is against the person or persons directly despoiled or murdered. The liar and slanderer or scandal monger's purpose is to injure and destroy character, which is of more value than property or life itself.

When public officials are punished promptly and severely for dishonesty or peculation when in office, then and not till then may the people expect their officials to give an absolutely honest service free of all graft and corruption.

Generally when an official is accused of grafting, there are grounds upon which to base the accusation. Whether such accusations are proven or not, should such an one ask for re-election, it is a good plan to make a change.

Linn county is entitled to officials who are honest, capable and courteous to the public. Such men and such men only should be nominated for the various offices. If both parties nominate good men, then we are assured of good government. A bad man nominated for office, might be elected and a bad official would result. Therefore, do not nominate him, no matter what political color he may wear.

In voting for U. S. senator at the forthcoming primary election, nearly the entire vote of Linn county will be cast for the two candidates representing Statement No. 1. The Republicans will vote for Mr. Calkins and the Democrats for Governor Chamberlain.

Mr. W. S. Cron values the success of principle of greater moment than that of personal preference. He did not wish to divide the Republican vote for the Statement No. 1 candidate. Hence he will vote and work for the election of Mr. Calkins. His statement relative to the matter may be found in another column.

With Mr. Calkins representing the principle of the election of United States senator by the direct vote of the people and Senator Fulton on the anti, we will be able to determine how the Republican party stands on that question at the coming primary election.

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WHEREAS the late William H. Stam has been gathered by the Master above to his eternal home and as this lodge has lost a strong supporter, his wife and sons a faithful husband and father and the community at large a valued and most energetic citizen, therefore be it Resolved that we, representing but a small portion of his many friends, extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved and commend them to a merciful Providence.

Craftree Camp No. 6361, M. W. of A. NATHAN SUMPTER, Counsel. WALTER ALVIN, clerk.

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Administrator's Sale of Real Estate.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of George Christie Johnston, deceased, will, in pursuance of an order of the County Court of Linn County, Oregon, duly made and entered of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Court for said county, on the 16th day of April, 1908, at 10 a. m. sell at public auction at the front door of the Planning Mill in the city of Scio, Oregon, all of the following described real estate, to-wit: Lots Nos. 7 and 8 in Block No. 3 and fractional Lots 1 and 2 in Block No. 5 in Wheeler's Addition to the town of Scio, Linn County, Oregon.

Terms of sale, cash in hand on day of sale.

Dated this 16th day of March, 1908. RILEY SHELTON, Administrator of the Estate of George Christie Johnston, Deceased.