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## POLITICAL SELFISHNESS.

**S**ELFISHNESS or self aggrandizement, is the bane of American politics. Many politicians imagine that in promulgating their own particular ideas of government, that they are actuated by pure patriotism. As a matter of fact they are actuated by pure selfishness and lust for power.

This particular element in the human mind, is responsible for the half dozen or more political parties or factions, into which the American people are divided at the present time. A real reformer, who has the talent of presenting his ideas before the people in a pleasing and convincing manner, attracts others to his way of thinking. When a sufficient number is thus attracted, a political party is formed. But most reformers are enthusiasts and without are selfish. No sooner does a political reform party seem to be gaining headway and is in a fair way to have its reforms become an established law than some enthusiast, who mayhap is endowed with eloquence, breaks away from his party, in order to establish his own particular ideas. What is the result? The reform party is split up into factions and the corrupt, venal political party gravitates to power; or if it be already in power, is enabled to maintain itself.

A vast majority of the American people are patriotic, and really wish for and would vote for the best interests of the whole people, if they but know what those best interests are. A minority of the people are actuated by pure and unadulterated selfishness. They do not care how disastrous a measure may effect the great masses of the people, if only their selfish interests are advanced. Our protective tariff policy furnishes an excellent example of this class of selfishness. If an unbiased expression could be had, it would be found that not one-fourth of the American people really favor a high protective tariff. Yet the tariff baron, through his congressional henchmen, is able to prevent the repeal of this obnoxious and, to the American people, ruinous law.

Here is a case wherein, if the people who are opposed to the high protective tariff would drop their selfishness and partisanship and act together, the tariff would be remodeled very quickly. But the tariff baron has the ear of the Republican leaders and some of the Democrats as well; and seem to be able to prevent all attempts toward revision. The same has heretofore been true of the railroads, trusts and the interests in general.

But the political leaders are beginning to read the hand writing on the wall. They are beginning to interpret the temper and feeling of the people. They see that the aggressiveness of these various interests is tending toward driving the people together for mutual defense. They see that political party lines are giving way and the people are tending toward unity in action, in order to break down these interests, which are continually robbing them.

Most of our present political leaders are so closely and intimately connected with these robbing interests that, in order to secure remedial legislation, a new set of political leaders must be selected. We have relied so long on the promises of reform legislation by our present leaders and without result, that no man of reasonable intelligence expects other than promises from them.

For instance: A few months ago Senator Fulton stated publicly in Washington, D. C. that there was no great demand in Oregon for tariff reform. Senator Fulton knew when he made this statement, that he was not voicing the sentiment of a vast majority of the people of Oregon. Why did he do it?

Just before Secretary Taft started on his tour around the world, he stated in a speech at Memphis, Tenn., that there was no present need nor call for tariff revision. Later on the Republican party, the friend of the protective tariff system, might consent to revise it. At all events, the tariff should be revised by its friends; not its enemies. Secretary Taft expects to be nominated for president by the Republican party and now seems reasonably sure of the nomination. Can

the people hope for revision with his election? Secretary Taft has been brought up and has lived in a section of the country where the high protection theory was strong. He has become so imbued with high tariff ideas, that it is idle to expect reform from him in this particular. He is so intimately associated with the selfish tariff beneficiaries, that he looks at the tariff question only through high protection spectacles. If the people expect relief from the extortion of high tariff, they must select a president whose environment is different from that of Secretary Taft.

The selfishness of the tariff barons and the great moneyed interests, which have had control of the government for many years, is now becoming apparent to the great masses of the common people. The people see that the so called interests, which have dominated in governmental control, have had only their own selfish interests in view all the time. Politicians, presidents, congress and the courts have all pandered to these selfish interests, to further their own selfish ends. Until the present time, no man could be elected president, nor to congress, nor to the judiciary, except in isolated cases, unless he first had placated these interests. Nor is it at all certain that we can elect a president who is opposed by these interests now.

Why can not the people see that nearly all public men are controlled by either the pocket book or political preferment and self aggrandizement? Why will they not concentrate their votes, so that the congressman or president will be compelled to see that the interests of the people are of greater moment than those of the railroads, trusts and tariff barons? Why will they suffer themselves to be so controlled by party, that they may be morally certain that the man who is nominated on their particular ticket will stand in with the interests?

Knowing from their public utterances that Mr. Taft and Mr. Fulton will stand in with the interests, will the people of Oregon be such party slaves as to give them their votes? There are plenty of good patriotic Republicans, who will stand firmly for the interests of the people. Insist that men of this class shall be nominated. Failing to get them nominated, and the friend of the interests is selected, have the patriotism to vote for the other fellow.

Suppose this proposed single tax measure becomes law. Land, whether improved or not, considering its location, must be assessed at the same figure. If, for instance, Farmer A's land is assessed at \$30 per acre, Farmer B's land along side, which may have a much finer house and a larger barn, must be assessed at the same figure. The railway right of way which passes through each of them, must be assessed at the same figure—\$30 per acre. The track, cars, etc. are improvements.

Did you ever think that the minority party is more likely to be right on reform measures, than the majority party? As strange as this may appear, it is true. The minority party is endeavoring to get into power. It wants votes. In order to get them, it must advocate policies and measures which will appeal to thinking men—men who have the welfare of the people at heart.

## AN UNNECESSARY AMENDMENT.

**O**NE OF THE proposed amendments to our state constitution, is a measure permitting the construction of state buildings at points other than at the state capitol.

As the NEWS views this matter, the adoption of this amendment is wholly unnecessary and, will probably result in a vicious condition of affairs.

We think it unnecessary for the reason that our legislatures of the past have totally disregarded this prohibitive feature of our organic laws whenever it saw proper to do so. Hence, legal permission to do a thing which has been done at will, is entirely profane and useless.

The amendment would probably be productive of vicious results, in that legislators of counties in which public buildings are located, whose maintenance depends upon biennial appropriations, are sure to form combinations for mutual benefit. Consequently general legislation would be made subservient to their selfish interests. We believe this condition would exist, for the reason that legislators from Polk, Benton, Lane, Douglas, Jackson and Umatilla counties have formed such combinations in the past and will probably do so in the future. If public buildings to be maintained from the state treasury, are constructed in other counties, we will simply add to the force of these combines; until their influence would become irresistible.

Our constitution makers must have had just such conditions as now prevail, in mind, when they placed the clause requiring all public buildings to be placed at the state capitol. They, evidently feared just such legislative combines as what have been denominated "The Normal school combine," and sought to so enact fundamental law that such combines would be impossible. If all of our public buildings were located at or near Salem, or at any place within Marion county, a legislative combine would be unheard of. It would be impossible and unnecessary. To enact the proposed amendment into law would simply be making a very bad matter worse. The measure purposes, as well, to legalize or make lawful the

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## Political Announcements.

In this column will be published the announcements of any citizen who applies to the candidates 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.

To the Democratic Voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself as an aspirant for the candidacy, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the forthcoming primary election, for the office of  
**RECORDER OF CONVEYANCES**  
**S. H. GOIN,**  
Shelburn Precinct.

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 TREASURER**  
**C. SCOTT,**  
Tangent, Oregon.

To the Democratic Voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself an aspirant for the candidacy, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the forthcoming primary election, for the office of  
**COUNTY CLERK**  
**J. E. CALAVAN,**  
North Scio Precinct.

To the Republican Voters of Linn County:

I hereby announce myself an aspirant for the candidacy, subject to your will at the forthcoming primary election for the office of  
**COUNTY SHERIFF**  
**F. L. BAYNE,**  
Shedd Precinct.

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

G. G. Belts, of Harrisburg, and Y. G. Freeman, of Albany, candidates for the legislature, each subscribe to the following:

To J. W. Miller, County Clerk of Linn County, Oregon, and to the members of the Republican party and the voters of Linn County, in the State of Oregon: I am a duly registered member of the Republican party. If I am nominated for the office of Representative at the Primary coming election to be held in Linn County, State of Oregon, on the 17th day of April, 1908, I will accept the nomination, and will not withdraw, and if I am elected, I will qualify as such officer.

If I am nominated and elected, I will, during my term of office, support a liberal policy for the public schools, election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people; a suitable assessment for all property; a conservative business like administration of state affairs and reasonable and just regulation of transportation lines.

Having full faith in the judgment and honesty of the people, and believing that their expressed wishes should be the guide of the one chosen to represent them in the legislature, and that the source of all political power rests with the people, I further state to the people of Oregon as well as to the people of my legislative district, that during my term of office, I will always vote for the candidate for United States Senator in Congress who has received the highest number of the people's votes for the position at the general election next preceding the election of a Senator in Congress, without regard to any individual preference.

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## Administrators 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 Planting Mill in the city of Scio, Oregon, all of the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lots Nos. 2 and 3 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.

## NOTICE FOR SEALED BIDS.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the city of Scio, Ore., will receive sealed bids, at the City Chambers in said city, for the purchase of all or any portion of \$5000.00 of negotiable coupon interest bearing bonds, of the city of Scio, Ore. Said bonds to be issued in denominations of \$100.00 each, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, interest payable semi-annually. Said bonds will have 40 coupons attached, the same to be clipped from the bond by the treasurer of the said city of Scio, Ore., when due.

These said bonds will be dated the first day of April, 1908, and will commence bearing interest from that date.

Bids will be opened in the presence of the said city Council on Monday evening, April 13, 1908, at 8 P. M.

The Council may accept and award the purchase of said bonds to the highest and best bidder for the whole or any part of the issue, or it may reject any or all bids at its discretion.

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