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GOOD BYE

THE READERS OF THE SANTIAM NEWS are hereby notified that I. T. L. Dugger, have retired from the editorial conduct of this paper. Mr. L. L. Gooding is the new proprietor. I believe he is a man abundantly capable of conducting a newspaper and to furnish editorial matter relative to the current issues of the day and I, confidently commend him to the patrons of

In retiring from the management of the NEWS, I feel both glad and sorrowful. I am glad to be situated so that I can take a much needed rest and sorrowful because I am severing most pleasant relations between myself and the readers of the NEWS. I shall miss the many pleasant visits of patrons to the print shop and, we hope the readers of the NEWS may regret, just a little bit, that I have retired from the editorial chair. During the more than fifteen years that I have edited newspapers in Linn county, I have tried to advocate such things as I thought were for the best interests of the people. True, I may and probably have made mistakes. I may have differed in thought from many of my readers; but I have always given my true and honest thoughts, whether they were right or wrong. In advocary of measures to build up our town and community, I have stood for what I conceived to be the best. True my opinions have differed from those of some

my congratulations.

will make good.

And now, to one and all, regardless of religion, politics or previous condition of servitude, I make my most cordial farewell bow, with the most sincere wish that your lives may be long and pleasant and that your business enterprises may

> Yours most truly, T. L. DUGGER.

GENESIS

JITH THIS ISSUE the new management makes its initial bow to the public. We have not entered the newspaper field expecting to find a gold mine. We realize we are much more apt to find a gold brick. But even brick-bats have their uses and we hope to find a small nook in so vast a field in which to labor. We have lived in Scio for the past year and have faith in the people of Scio and vicinity. We have not had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with all the people but have been pleased with the samples we have tried, and like Oliver Twist, are reaching out for "more."

We shall give the public the best service we are capable of and earnestly request the cooperation of each citizen in making the paper a benefit to the community. A successful local newspaper needs to have the community feel a stockholder's interest in its welfare. A newspaper is a financial help to any locality, so in asking the cooperation of the public, we are but asking it to help itself.

What we wish to do most is to make the NEWS newsy. We want all the local news we and our friends can gather. We hope there will be very little of the kind best unpublished. We do not care to handle gossip or backbiting material. If one cannot say something good or helpful, silence is golden. Our ecitorial column will be short and will deal mostly with local affairs. We believe the city daily papers cover the field on national politics. We have neither the desire nor the ability to delve deeply into partisan politics. Politically, we shall continue the paper as an independent. We have never been convinced that any one party had a "corner" on all the best policies or that all the rascals sailed under the same political flag. We believe party organizations are necessary under our form of government. When the voter makes use of the political party, well and good. When the party uses the voter it becomes a menace.

We shall try to give every one a fair deal. To please everybody all the time will be impossible. If our opinions differ from yours we each have a right to them. We shall doubtless make mistakes. If possible, we shall gladly correct them.

Of our brethren of the press we would ask their kind indulgence until we at least get out of our swaddling clothes.

To the local public we would ask that any kind words it may have be given to the editor; any one having kicks may go to the devil.

President Taft has vetoed the Arizona-New of my readers, on some objects, yet this difference Mexico statehood bill. His principal objection was ought not and, I hope, has not resulted in estrang- the provision in the Arizona constitution for the recall of judges. As the bill, if passed, provided I wish to extend to newspapers which have been that the recall provision be submitted to a vote of kind enough to exchange with the NEWS, my very the people of that territory, and as they have a best wishes, sympathy, etc., for your future busi- chance to add the recall to their constitution as ness wellfare. I know that the newspaper man soon as they become a state anyhow, it would has many trials and tribulations. In such you seem to us that Mr. Taft might at least have let have my sympathy and in your success you have the bill become a law without his approval like Ex-President Roosevelt did in the case of Oklahoma. To the many who have given me patronage in The recall provision which caused the veto was the way of subscriptions and advertisements I similar to Oregon's. Whether or not one believes have none but the best of wishes and I extend my in the recall of judges few would object to grantmost sincere thanks for the business you have ing the people of one state the right to decide for given me. I, also, hope you will continue your themselves on questions any other state is privipatronage to the NEWS under the new manage leged to decide for itself. We believe that Presiment. Mr. Gooding, I feel sure, is worthy and dent Taft has not added any to his popularity by this veto.

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