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What does it cost to run a political campaign?

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Reference is made, naturally, to a presidential campaign. Just now the preliminary skirmish for the nomination by both parties is on and the money is flying merrily. And there is plenty of it, too. Most of the campaign funds were financed in Wall Street. The Harmon people, the Roosevelt boomers, the Wilson enthusiasts, the Taft standpaters, the Underwood shouters,—all of them are credited with canvassing Big Business for financial help. Some of them may deny it, but the evidence has been fairly conclusive. Some of the trust magnates are openly rooting for one of the leading

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candidates. The LaFollette people got considerable money from a little coterie of rich men who hope to become public benefactors, incidentally securing a controlling influence on governmental policies. There are some other potential candidates scarcely in the running as yet, who are not in need of any particular campaign fund and who need not be considered now.

But, you say, one has been overlooked? Oh, Champ Clark? Well it seems just now that Champ Clark is very much in the limelight. But the movement for Champ Clark is more of a spontaneous movement than any of the others mentioned. In the first place he has never had a regular campaign fund, and until former Senator Dubois of Idaho, took hold, he did not have any regular campaign manager. He occupied a peculiarly advantageous position because of the prominence he had attained as the leader in the House of his party.

While it looks as if the two leaders had distanced the competitors in the race for the nomination, one in each party, it should be remembered that there is time for many changes. Take Col. Roosevelt, for example. He has hardly begun to fight yet. The reception he has been getting on his speaking tour should be a strong indication that he still has a warm place in the affection of the people. Politicians may desert him on the first indication of his political weakness, but the people are more loyal.

The Taft people are very confident, but the Roosevelt managers announce that they will make a contest for delegates all along the line and it will be no walk-over from present indications.

There are various ways to succeed in this life. The man who

minds his own business is likely to be a success; the one who lets other people's business alone is likely to get there; the man who strictly attends to that which concerns himself alone, and leaves that which belongs to others to take care of itself, will be certain to be a success; while he who neglects his own affairs and attempts to manage those of his neighbor is certain to be left behind in the race of life.

The News is in receipt of a pamphlet printed in Portland, called the "Weekly News Letter" published by the Employers' Association. "Freedom for all" via the open shop route is their slogan, their idea of freedom consisting of scurrilous attacks on everyone who is in any way connected with union labor. These worthy gentlemen certainly are wasting their sweetness on the desert air when they send their dirty little rag to a union printer.

Someone has truthfully said that nothing but a mint can make money without advertising. It might be added that the mint couldn't do it if it didn't put its competitors in jail.

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A. B. Marshall, one of the candidates for sheriff on the Republican ticket, was in town today. While Mr. Marshall is hopeful for the nomination, he states that the result is hard to predict as there are so many candidates in the field.

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