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POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE

Never in the history of American politics has the voter felt the strings of party fealty more lightly than he does today. Simply because he registers as a democrat or a republican is no certain indication that he will cast his vote for his party candidate. For this reason the personnel of the candidates for president is of far greater importance next year than at any time in the past. It is the man and what he represents rather than the political color he wears which will attract the vast majority of independent voters and the independent voter wields the balance of power in a national contest.

The political independence has developed very rapidly since the direct primary method of nominating candidates has been adopted by so many of the states and, particularly so, since it has become a national law to elect United States senators by popular vote. Knowing this condition to exist and that victory in the next general election is regarded as vitally necessary, our republican friends are very earnestly casting about to find a man who can attract the independent vote, east, west, north, and south. The task is not proving easy by any manner of means. The man who will be satisfactory to the east seems unable to arouse a proper degree of enthusiasm in the west and the north requires a candidate almost the exact opposite from he who will please the south. Select whom they may and it is not probable that a candidate will be found pleasing to all sections of the country.

Democrats seem to have a much less difficult problem to solve. A generally uniform desire from all sections points to the renomination of President Wilson. If he will accept and his administration continues to be as generally satisfactory to the end as it has been in the past, the national convention at St. Louis will find it easy sliding to name their candidate.

No matter who are the respective nominees nor who is elected, so long as congress is so nearly equally divided, no legislation which is detrimental to the general welfare of the country will be enacted. Political independence can be found among congressmen as well as the people and a few members who are patriotically independent can, at least, defeat undesirable legislation.

But what does it matter anyway in these later days which political party controls the state, county or municipal governments? It is simply good, efficient and economical government which is wanted by all good citizens, and it matters little what the particular brand of politics the official adheres to. The heretofore partisanship is neither now desirable or necessary and our legislatures, city councils, and other law making and governing bodies should

be nonpartisan. Party politics should have no influence whatever in their deliberations. To this end all such bodies will render the public better service if, practically, evenly divided politically.

Our one great political fight and which is now in progress, is to divorce Big Business from government in all branches. While Big Business should be fairly and justly treated, the day when they are granted especial favors, is passing and should be wholly past. And while the people make occasional mistakes in nominating and electing their officials, the work of such officials compares most favorable with those selected by the delegate convention plan.

NEED TO GET A MOVE ON

Some business men, not all, seem content to sit down and wait for business to come to them. They, in effect say, "We have the goods and it is your fault if you do not come and buy them. We are always willing to sell if you will tell us what you want."

Is it any wonder if your neighbor merchant, who invite people to his store and then tells them of the new things he has or the bargains he is offering, succeeds while you fail?

The modern up-to-date merchant tells the people what he has for sale; nor does he sit down and wait for people to come to his store and ask, as a favor, if he will sell such and such goods to them. On the other hand, he invites them through his local newspaper to come to his store, meets them at the door with the glad hand and, whether they buy or not, he makes them feel that they are welcome to come and sit by his fire. Such a merchant is a mine of information to the newspaper man because he has a faculty of drawing out much of what his customer or prospective customer feels and knows about his business on the farm, or other business in which he may be engaged, or about the health of his family, condition of his stock, etc. He makes the customer feel that he is deeply interested in his (the customer's) welfare. And it pays too. We all like sympathy and to know that others are interested in the things that we consider as of vital importance to ourselves.

Church Federation

The federation of the several Scio churches into one body, a short time ago, is certainly a move in the right direction. None of the Scio churches were able to support a resident minister and their pulpits were supplied in a rather desultory manner. All of the congregations were too weak to support a minister separately, but by uniting they place themselves in a position by which they can employ a minister capable of teaching and directing the people.

Furthermore it is a demonstration of practical Christianity. The members of the federation have demonstrated that they possess that necessary element of true Christianity Charity for the opinions of others. Suppose all do not agree on particular church tenets or doctrines, all are striving for the same goal and, mayhap, one church is as nearly right as the other. Anyway, the federated church can say to the outsider: "We have buried our differences because we believe all orthodox churches are honest in their ideas of the religion of Jesus Christ so come with us and we will endeavor to make you a better citizen and a true Christian according to the teachings of the Savior."

The Tribune congratulates our several churches on the new movement. Now employ a minister who will be a real teacher and who can make the dark places light and we will all go to church and help pay the preacher.

MONROE DOCTRINE

NOW 'TIE OF UNION

South and Central American Countries

Take a New View of the Famous Policy

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his wedding trip. "And I shall not apologize for the president's absence," he said. After this explanation, he continued:

"In the presence of love, science is silent."

After welcoming the guests in the name of the nation, the vice president said a word about preparedness to defend the rights of Americans.

"I am one of those men who believe in preparation for war," he said. "Not that I want war, because the dream and the prayer of my life are that we shall keep out of war, but I know myself I am not willing to have some ruffian interfere with what I believe to be my rights."

He added that the idea of Pan-Americanism would not permit of exploitation and that which touched the nations to the south to their injury touched also the United States.

The Monroe Doctrine was discussed by Ambassador Suarez, who declared that so long as it was understood as a threat, it was viewed with distrust by South and Central America, but that defined as a derivation of Pan-Americanism, it had become a "Tie of union, a guarantee, a bulwark for our democracy."

"Equality and fraternity that know no superior and no inferior, but which recognizes only equality and fraternity" was the thought Secretary Lansing left in his address on Pan-Americanism and the Monroe Doctrine. He compared the desolation of Europe at war and the peace of the Americas as indicated by the meeting here of the members of the congress. Pan-Americanism, he declared, was the idea of internationalism, an idea of which America has become the guardian and which, in the end, will rule the world. Geographical isolation, similar political instructions and common conception of human rights, he said, had made this possible. He pleaded for unity of action in seeking the common good, "whatever is for common interest," the secretary added, "whatever makes for the common good, whatever demands united effort is a fit subject for applied Pan-Americanism. Fraternal helpfulness is the keystone to the arch. Its pillars are faith and justice."

The republican national convention will meet in June at Chicago for the ninth time since the convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln in 1860. The democrats have met in that city four times during the same period.

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