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CANDIDATES SEEM SCARCE

Whether people are too prosperous and busy to seek office or not, the fact is very prominent that candidates for office are dilatory in announcing themselves. Aside from our present county officials who, without an exception, desire to be renominated, there are but few names mentioned who desire to become nominees.

For our legislature The Tribune has heard of but two gentlemen who are reported to be willing to stand for the nomination as candidates for House of Representatives. These are Mr. Elmore, of Brownsville and Mr. Sudtoll, of Albany, both democrats. No names have yet been mentioned as desiring to become candidates on the republican ticket as legislators.

As The Tribune has heretofore stated, the legislative office is the most important of all. The legislature has the power to say how heavy our tax bills shall be both for the county and state. It can enact or repeal laws which dive down deep in the taxpayer's pocket and for this reason we should select our wisest and most practical men as members. To elect a young inexperienced man as a legislator, just because he is willing to become a candidate, is the most foolish proceeding policy. Our present high tax levies is the result of such unwisdom in the past.

Next in importance to the legislator, is the county commissioner. While this last mentioned official is hedged about with legislative direction in the fixing of the tax rate, he absolutely controls the expenditure of money for our roads and bridges. Hence he too should be broad minded, practical and a tax payer.

The democrats yet have no candidates for county clerk, recorder, treasurer, surveyor, or coroner. The republicans have not yet announced their candidates for the legislature, or for school superintendent. For clerk, the present incumbent is asking for renomination and, probably will have a walkover at the primary election. For sheriff, D. H. Bodine and Mr. Kendall, a former deputy in that office, will contend for the nomination. For commissioner, T. J. Butler, present incumbent, Mr. Freerksen, of near Halsey and Mr. Chrisman, of near Stayton, are active candidates for the nomination. W. W. Francis, of course, desires to succeed himself as treasurer and Grant Froman would like to hold down the recorder's office two years longer, nevertheless Senator Cusick will endeavor to have that office abolished at the next session of the legislature. Assessor Fisher and Surveyor Geddes will probably have no opposition before the primaries.

The Tribune has heard mentioned by many democrats and quite a number of republicans a desire for

D. S. (Vanny) Smith to come out for sheriff on the democrat ticket. They know that in past service he has proved himself to be one of the most efficient officials the county has ever had and being both genial and affable when in office, they desire to see him again at the old place. Whether Mr. Smith will accept the nomination or not, The Tribune is not informed. Should he enter the contest, however, his republican opponent will know that he is in a race. W. L. Jackson will probably have no trouble to secure a renomination for the office of school superintendent. Nearly all of the teachers of Linn county have united in a petition, regardless of political sentiment, to again become a candidate, makes his nomination a surety. Narvin Nye, of Sweet Home, is mentioned as an aspirant for the democratic nomination for county commissioner.

While candidates are lacking in both parties for several offices, there is yet plenty of time to file the necessary papers with the county clerk and both tickets may be filed before the date of filing expires. C. C. Jackson, of near Halsey, is the only candidate of either party, to file his intention to become a candidate for delegate to the national convention. He is a democrat and the convention meets at St. Louis on June 14.

EUROPEAN WAR A STANDOFF

The second year of the most gigantic war recorded, so far, in history seems, practically, a stand-off. Neither side has made any material progress, since the first great German drive for Paris in the first weeks of the war. After being driven back from their extreme advance on the western battle front, the Germans have entrenched themselves as have the French and English. It is very difficult for one army to assault another army when it is fighting from an entrenched position. The assaulting army is necessarily exposed and, as a matter of course, the losses of the attacking force is frightful.

England believes that about all of the German available fighting force are now with the colors and the constant wearing away of carnage the Germans are gradually growing weaker. Hence these assaults and charges are gradually reducing the Germans, while the English have prepared and seasoned new armies at home and they expect when the allied troops begin a drive the weakened German army must give way. England believes that about all of the German available fighting force are now with the colors and the constant wearing away of carnage the Germans are gradually growing weaker. Hence these assaults and charges are gradually reducing the Germans, while the English have prepared and seasoned new armies at home and they expect when the allied troops begin a drive the weakened German army must give way.

So far in the war the German army in point of discipline and skilled training, have had decidedly the better of either the French or English armies and the German officers seem much the better strategists. Whether it is because the allied armies are up against the most stubborn foe they have met since the days of Napoleon, or not, the English commanding officers seem to fall far short of being able to solve German problems. England needs a Wellington now worse than at any time in her history. She needs the skilled and dogged persistency of a General Grant. While France is making a decidedly better showing than she did in the Franco-Prussian war, she is lacking in the skill and resourcefulness of the man who made the French army the most skillful of the world. Yet Napoleon with all his skill and resourcefulness, was beaten down by an allied and more numerous foe, just as Germany must be beaten down in the end.

As soon as England drives political favoritism from an influence in army matters and gets down to brass tacks, she is sure to develop some military commander who pos-

sesses both skill and strategy to direct the movement of her troops. Nor is she likely to meet with any marked success until she develops such a leader.

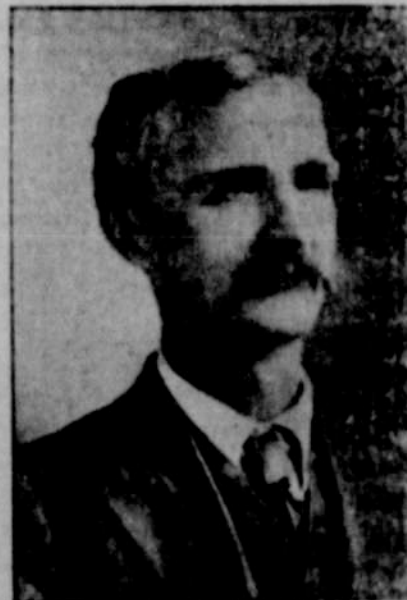
On the eastern battle line, Germany has met with rather unexpected success because of the skill of her commander and the unarmed condition of the Russian troops and lack of ammunition supplies. Russia is now in better condition in both of these respects and, doubtless, will make a better showing during the coming summer.

It is quite evident that Germany has had quite an advantage, so far, in her better preparedness and in the skill and strategy of her commanders. She has, too, an advantage in being able to quickly transport an army from one battle front to another, an advantage not possible to the allied troops.

The end of the war, however, will not be the result of victorious battlefields, but in the counting rooms of English, French and German capitalists. England has already increased a debt of over \$10,000,000,000. France nearly as large and Germany a close follower. Capitalists will soon conclude the debt of each nation is as great as their ability to pay. That day must be near at hand. When the Civil war closed the United States had created a debt of nearly \$3,000,000,000. Fifty years after the close of the war one-third of that debt remains unpaid. England now has, with a much less population than ours, a debt four times as great. Money lenders will soon conclude England has reached her zenith of ability to pay and the same of France and Germany, when the war will end from financial exhaustion.

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