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MORE ON NONPARTISANISM.

Some two or three weeks ago an editorial article was published in The Tribune under the caption of "Non-partisanship," for which the Portland Oregonian brought us on the carpet.

Of course we know that anything savoring of nonpartisanship is to the Oregonian as is a red flag waved in the face of a bull, and that paper with its great power, rushes to the defense of party and partyism instantaneously.

In our article we referred to partisanship as one of the chief causes of the Civil war. On this statement the Oregonian criticized this editor freely. Let us refer back to the days prior to the Civil war and see if partisanship for the maintenance of slavery, the South's peculiar and pet institution, was not the sole cause of the greatest war of all time up to the present war.

Many compromises in Congress were made to conduct the Government along peaceable lines, with this blotch upon human liberty and libel on free government. But the partisan slave owner wanted to extend the dominion of slavery and became so intensely partisan about the matter that he would not countenance a contrary opinion. Senator Stephen A. Douglas sacrificed his political life in the endeavor to appease the slave democracy of the South and the free democracy of the North with his "squatter sovereignty" propaganda, but it would not mix. The advancement of slave interests was the one and only test of democracy in the eyes of the South. So extremely partisan on this subject were the slave owners that a free state man in the South was looked upon with suspicion and ostracized in Southern society.

The National Democratic convention of 1860 met at Charleston, S. C. The party machinery was controlled by the slave power, but the majority of the delegates to the convention were from the free states. Douglas was the leading candidate for President and could easily have been nominated, but to secure the nomination he must accept a party platform which meant defeat in almost every free state. Northern Democratic delegates refused to accept the platform and a split in the convention resulted. No candidate was nominated at that time and the split made it possible for the election of Abraham Lincoln, the candidate of the young Republican party of the North, and the Civil war resulted because of his election.

Now, is it not true that the selfish and uncompromising partisanship of the South in the interests of slavery brought on the Civil war? The Tribune thinks so and the Oregonian must admit the fact if it will be honest.

In 1864, the nonpartisanship of the Union Democrats in the North made the second election of Lincoln possible.

The defeat of Mr. Lincoln at that time would have been calamitous to the Nation and much of the accomplishments of the war would have been lost. Thus partisanship or a determination of the slave power to rule or ruin the Nation, brought on the war; and the nonpartisanship of the Union Democrats of the North made it possible for the Nation to be free in fact as well as in name, and undivided. These Union Democrats placed Americanism first and partisanship second, just as a vast majority of the Republican party is doing today.

The political party should be considered but a means to accomplish an end. The whole of the Nation is greater than a part. When a nation is in peril, as is ours at the present time, and the principles of free government—democracy is in danger, the minor political differences of the people should be so buried from public consideration that only harmony for the purpose of winning the war should exist among the people.

Anyway, in Oregon we have but small use for political party organizations. Anybody can become a candidate for any office if he complies with certain legal procedure. The candidate makes his own platform and declaration of principles and why shall we not select the candidate who seems most likely to give the state or county the better government? What difference can it make to the people what political coat the candidate wears providing he is true to the people's interests? In fact, if there were neither Republicans nor Democrats our primary method of selecting nominees for office would work just as effectively. We are all American citizens and believe the majority of the people should rule. We all want good government and it makes but little difference to the average citizen whether an official is a Democrat or a Republican just so he delivers the brand of goods we want, viz., an honest, economical and efficient government. Can or does the Oregonian ask for more than this?

A DANGEROUS EXPERIMENT

To nominate and elect President Eastburn of the Albany Commercial Club, to the office of County Judge, would be, to say the least, a dangerous experiment for the taxpayers of Linn county. It is a well known fact that our present county court has with great difficulty kept the hands of the Albany Commercial Club out of the county treasury. Numerous schemes have been evolved by the exploiting spirits of that club to which the court has been invited, urged and almost commanded to make liberal appropriations. It is not necessary to here enumerate the many plans to open the county treasury vaults to satisfy the many schemes of exploitation. Suffice to say that if the court had fallen for all the schemes proposed Linn county would now have a bonded indebtedness of from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000.

Now it is proposed to elect the present president of the Commercial Club to the county judgeship. The scheme to have the Commercial Club plan exploitations, with the county to pay the bills, is fine indeed. It is known that Commissioner Tom Butler, whose term has yet two years to run, is very friendly to the plans of the club and would probably join Mr. Eastburn in carrying out the club's plans.

Now The Tribune does not assert that the above would result with Mr. Eastburn's election. We simply say such might be the result. It is wisdom to let well enough alone. We know fairly well what Judge McKnight will do by what he has done in the past; and should Judge W. R. Bilyeu be elected we feel satisfied

that the county will be safe in his hands. But to turn the county treasury over to Mr. Eastburn and Mr. Butler the risk is, in the opinion of The Tribune, too great.

Linn county now is in splendid financial condition. And while it is desirable that county improvements shall be maintained, that road improvement shall be carried forward, and bridges maintained and rebuilt when necessary, let us at least attempt to pay for them as we go along. The cash system is good for the individual and we believe is good policy for the county.

It is quite evident that if the Huns do not break through the British or French lines within the next three or four weeks, their present drive will prove a flat failure. Germany now has about all her man power under arms. She cannot therefore strengthen her fast depleting battle line. Every man who is killed or disabled means an irreparable loss. On the other hand the Allies are daily strengthening their lines. Every month sees 150,000 more Americans "over there," and when the tide does turn, as turn it must, the retreat of the Hun army is apt to be continuous. So The Tribune believes the turning point is near at hand. A general defeat now to the Germans would be disastrous, while to the Allies it would simply mean a continuance of the war.

W. R. Bilyeu, candidate for county judge on the Democratic ticket, has a cinch on the nomination. He will also have a cinch on the election should Eastburn become the Republican nominee. The people know that Bilyeu is a safe man for that office and is not under the control of the Albany Commercial Club in any sense. Mr. Eastburn is president of the club and would probably favor the club's plans of exploitation if elected. But there is no occasion for alarm. Eastburn's nomination means Bilyeu's election. The people are not fools to fall for the schemes of only a few of the Commercial Club. They do not nor will they place the county treasury subject to the calls of the Albany Commercial Club.

Judge McKnight has his faults and has displeased many people in the county because he (or the court) did not appoint the road supervisor which some people wanted. But the people know the county's finances are safe in his hands. He may not have improved this or that road to please the people of that particular locality, but he and the other members of the court have done much good road work. Also he has given the Scio fair as much aid as the court thought permissible. Scio at least should give him her support.

Our legislative candidates have easy going. All the candidates on both the Democratic and Republican tickets will be nominated and elected. Wonder if there is not a sort of non partisan trust or combination existing among them?

We are told, but we will not vouch for the truth of the report, that one candidate who is soliciting support from Linn county voters, has not bought a Liberty Bond nor a War Saving Stamp. It would be a good plan to ask every candidate the question "Have you bought a Bond?" and govern yourself accordingly.

The old time street loafer in Scio is conspicuous because of his absence. All have either gone into the Army, or to other points to work. Big wages are so attractive most idlers will form the habit of working. Let us hope the habit sticks even after the war is over.

R. E. Warner for Sheriff.

R. E. Warner of Crawfordville, wishes to announce to the people of Scio and vicinity that he is a candidate for the nomination for Sheriff on the Republican ticket, to be voted upon at the coming primary election.

He was the first to file his petition of candidacy and has conducted his campaign in a clean and honorable manner so far and will continue to do so. If nominated and elected he promises to serve the people of Linn county as their Sheriff in accordance with law and with efficiency. He does not think the making of many promises at this time best, but will try and meet as many people as he can, knowing that the people of today judge the candidate whom they will support largely by his general appearance and what they can gather of his character.

He therefore asks the support of the members of his party, knowing that if they give him their confidence and support that it will not be misplaced. (Paid Adv.)

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