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THE VOTERS' DUTY IS MOST IMPORTANT

Another election year is at hand and candidates are springing up from almost every direction. These candidates, of course, enter the lists because of the strong insistence of their friends; their personal desire having but small influence in the matter. Some of these patriotic gentlemen, who are willing to sacrifice their personal affairs and business for the welfare of the county or state, doubtless, think they possess special qualifications for the particular office which they seek. Let us hope that all of them have the requisite qualifications.

It is the duty of voters to select from this array of aspirants or others, the candidates for the various offices at the primary election. This one idea should possess the mind of the voter when he enters the election booth. "Unless good capable men or women are selected as candidates, good capable officials cannot be elected." It is, therefore, most important that every voter shall be at the polls and exercise the important duty.

A candidate should not be nominated for office, simply because the man soliciting the place is an all-around good fellow, or is an especial friend. He may be among the best of men, yet not possess the necessary qualities to make an efficient official. Again, a man who might be a failure in one particular office might be a pronounced success in another. Voters should endeavor to select the right man for a particular position, regardless of personal favoritism. A very safe guide in this matter is to renominate men who have demonstrated, by actual public service, their fitness and efficiency.

When you employ a man for the store, the farm, the sawmill or any other private industry, you are sure to give the preference to he who has had experience and who is of known efficiency in a particular field. You are willing to pay a superior wage for such an one, rather than to employ the inexperienced or unknown man or woman at any price. The public official is but a public hired servant and should be measured in accordance with the same rule.

Mr. Taxpayer, did you ever figure out just what you are paying for when you walk up to the tax collector's counter and pay your annual assessment? Besides supporting your state, county and municipal governments, you build your school houses and support your public and high schools; you erect great stone structures at Eugene, Corvallis and Monmouth and employ expensive teachers for the education, principally, of the sons and daughters of the rich and well-to-do; you support the bad boys and girls at especial and expensive institutions; you provide for the support and safe keeping of criminals in the penitentiary; for the crazy people in the asylums

for the insane; for the blind, deaf and dumb, at special educational institutions; you provide poor farms and almshouses for the care of paupers and, finally, support unfortunate widows at their homes. You build churches, pay ministers salaries, build roads and support your own families on what you have left of your annual income.

Now the men whom you select to represent you in the state legislature, largely control how economically and how wisely your tax moneys shall be expended for the many purposes above cited. Don't you think the candidates you select as legislators should be wise, experienced and all around level-headed? Do you not see that it is most important that they should be qualified in every way and that if men who are honest, economical and efficient are selected it means a few more dollars left in your pocket-book?

Now there is but one way to do this. Prepare yourself to participate in the primary election intelligently, attend to having your name registered before a proper officer in due time and, on primary election day, be on hand to help select the very best available men or women for the various offices and, finally, be at the polls on general election day. If the opposing political party has a candidate which you know is superior to the candidate your own party has provided, have sufficient independence and manhood to vote for him.

PRESIDENT WILSON IS MAKING GOOD

President Wilson is conceded by all political parties, to be honest and is working for what he conceives to be, the best interests of all the people. In all matters where in the political element is not a factor, he has the support of all political parties. But in the matter of public office wherein a republican is displaced by a democrat, a roar is heard. Especially is this true of fourth-class postmasterships. President Taft, arbitrarily, placed fourth-class postoffices in the civil service list, just at the close of his term of office. Whether or not he did so for the purpose of retaining republicans in office so far as he was able, has not been made known, but the inference is that such was his purpose.

Now, as a matter of fact, it makes but little difference to the people in general, what a postmaster's politics may be. It is the man or woman who can give the best service to all the people whom they desire. And this is true of all other offices as well, if we be honest with ourselves. Good, efficient, economical government is what the people want.

It is no doubt true, that President Wilson, or any other president for that matter, can secure good government with greater ease, if all officials holding minor offices are in sympathy with and give a hearty cooperation to the administration. They can do much towards making an administration a success. For this reason, the Tribune believes that all governmental appointive offices should terminate with or shortly thereafter, the expiration of a presidential term. Then the political party in power becomes wholly responsible for the conduct of government. If the administration is a success or failure, the people know where credit or blame should be given.

So far President Wilson has been able to gather support for his measures from all political parties and, because of this fact, his administration is proving exceptionally strong. The people believe that he is honest and is giving the best there is in him for their interests.

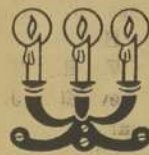
From the general support and confidence the people are giving President Wilson, it is quite evident that the oldtime political prejudice is rapidly disappearing. The people have at last found out that because a man is a democrat or a republican, that he may be either a good or a bad man; for everybody knows that there are both good and bad men in all political parties. Moreover, they have ascertained that when good men are elected to office, good government generally results and vice versa when bad men are elected. For this reason the great masses of the republican party are giving President Wilson and the democratic congress a cordial support. Congress and the President are doing the things the people have long wanted done and which President Taft and a republican congress refused to do. President Wilson and congress has won the confidence of the people. Let us hope that no act, during the three years to come, shall disturb that confidence.

A bill is now before congress which proposes to appropriate \$25,000,000 to assist the various states in building highways. Well, why not? Why may not the government build wagon roads as well as to assist in and build railroads, build canals and improve rivers and harbors? Certainly the government cannot spend money in a way which will advantage the masses of the people more, than to assist the states in developing their system of highways. The bill proposes to divide the money among the states in some just and equitable manner, providing each state will provide a sum equal to that given it by the general government. The government has charge of the mail service, rural routes included. It is, therefore, merely a matter of good business for the government to encourage the building of good roads, for the benefit of rural carriers, if for no other purpose. But, if good hard surface roads are furnished for rural carriers, other and all people will benefit as well. This is another straw indicating the purpose of the Wilson administration to benefit the people.

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