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OUR POSITION.

The News claims to be thoroughly independent in political matters. We do not and shall not wear the collar of any man. We shall seek the advancement of no man or measure who or which is not absolutely right from our standpoint. We shall not commit this paper unreservedly to the

we shall fearlessly defend what we believe to be right and oppose what we think to be wrong in matters of political import, national, state or local. We do not believe that because we are publishing a local newspaper we have not as perfect liberty—as well-defined a right—to advocate through its columns, any measure which we regard as being in line with good citizenship as we have to do so with our tongues.

It is a fundamental principle of our political economy that government desires its just powers from the consent of the governed; that the consent of the governed is expressed by the will of the majority; that the will of the majority is expressed by the suffrage of the citizen. We employ the caucus and the convention in the hope and expectation of placing in nomination for positions of trust such men as shall fearlessly, faithfully and ably advocate the measures which most nearly conform to our ideas. The majority of American citizens of all parties desire for their enactors and executors of law the best men attainable. But the majority of voters are not sufficiently patriotic or sufficiently energetic to attend the primaries (and it goes without saying that the methods of the primaries may be greatly improved), and the men who make "practical politics" a business take control of the caucus and make it a cog of a party machine.

Allegany county is just now in the throes of a political revolt against machine methods and ring domination. For the past forty years Allegany county has sent only Republicans to look after her interests in the lower branch of our Legislature. Rarely, if ever, has this constituency been served by an abler man than he who has represented it at Albany for the past three years—HON. FRED A. ROBBINS. Besides ability he possessed and exercised honesty and backbone. The News is no hero-worshiper, does not sing fulsome praises to men because they are office-holders; but it has closely watched public men in their official capacity, and has seen no man more deserving the plaudits of his fellow-men for duty well done than Mr. Robbins. No Alleganian has achieved greater eminence throughout the state during his career as an Assemblyman. The press of the Empire State acknowledged his ability.

The Republican County Convention of Aug. 7th has passed into history. The number of those in this county who do not know how Mr. Robbins was turned down because he was fearless in espousing what he believed to be for the best interests of those whom he sought to serve, is very small. The action of the County Convention of August 21st is equally well known. And because we believe that the cause of honest legislation will be better served by the return of Mr. Robbins, we shall labor to secure his re-election. His record is an open book, and on that record we propose to support him. We believe we voice the sentiments of all who desire good government, and, so believing, shall advocate Mr. Robbins' cause, fearless of the denunciations of the regular organization or the ridicule of its organs, trusting that the voters of Allegany, "men who their duties know, but know their rights, and knowing, dare maintain," will demonstrate by their votes on the 3d of November, that we are seeking only

to advance honest legislation—a reform that reforms.

WHY AMERICANS DISLIKE ENGLAND.

A few months ago Mr. George Burton Adams, Professor of History in Yale University, discussed in the New York Independent the causes of the hostility to England which is so widespread and bitter in the United States. The essay is now republished in book form. It is likely to attract serious attention, because although the author does not share the feeling of dislike to England, and even deprecates it, he acknowledges that it exists, that the ruling class of Great Britain is responsible for it, and that the effacement of it can be brought about only through a marked change in the attitude of the British Government toward this country.

Prof. Adams points out that the American people have been for a hundred years trained by the uninterrupted facts of their experience in a habit of unfavorable judgment with regard to England's behavior to the United States. The principal links in the chain of facts are almost too familiar to need recapitulation. They are the war of the Revolution; the retention of the Western posts after the peace of 1783, and the belief that England was plotting to turn loose upon our frontier settlers the horrors of Indian warfare; the English misuse of the right of search and the impressment of American seamen, which ultimately drove this country into the war of 1812; the disputes in the middle of the century about our north-eastern boundary, and, again, about the boundary of Oregon, which kept the feeling of enmity alive; indeed, the excitement of the "Fifty-four forty, or fight" period was scarcely less intense than that which followed Mr. Cleveland's Venezuela message. All these earlier causes of animosity, however, might have been in time over-looked, had they not been re-enforced and aggravated by the unfriendly attitude of the British Government and of the ruling classes in Great Britain toward the American Union throughout the civil war. Prof. Adams rightly says that thousands of our citizens, who could have forgiven everything else, cannot forgive that. Many who were aroused to indignation and resentment by English's attitude during the rebellion, feel as strongly now as they did then, and have transmitted the feeling, undiminished in intensity, to a younger generation. To this vindictiveness, which is legitimate, if such a sentiment ever is, should be added the profound distrust engendered by the domineering and monopolizing character of England's policy all over the world. The offensive nature of this policy has been brought home to us especially by the treatment of Ireland, and the recent attempt to aggrandize British Guiana at the expense of one of the weaker American republics.

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HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

of rain.

E. Snyder is on the sick list.

The Cuba Fair opened yesterday.

Dover realizes over \$488 benefit the Raines law.

sidewalk on Pleasant street between A. D. Brown's residence.

erator Donaldson is improving the of his house on First street.

cellar for the new residence which est will erect for J. C. Dyer is completed.

number of Andover people went on excursion Saturday night to and Niagara Falls.

second series of stock of the Mutual Loan Association made at the October meeting.

ome Court will be held at Wellsville beginning Oct. 12th. Both trial and jurors will be drawn.

Mr. Broderick, of Tompkins county, preached at the Baptist church Sunday, morning and evening.

number of our young folks passed a pleasant season at D. T. Betzner's, the occasion being a birthday given by Miss Anna Betzner.

forget the "Guess" social at the residence of Mrs. C. S. Parker on the evening of this week. If you are a good guesser you may secure a

A. Mead was drawing his steam down the Fulton Valley road yesterday afternoon, his team became and overturned the engine, and it down the bank and doing considerable damage.

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