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A Statement to the Public by the New Paper

FOR several years the matter of instituting a newspaper in Colville has been discussed by the democrats of this county. A year ago the question was decided at the democratic county convention and a board of seven directors selected at the Jefferson day rally which should have in charge the inception of a democratic paper, this paper to be controlled and operated by democrats under a provision that it should ever remain democratic and be issued regularly without the aid or consent of any other party or individual. A stock company has been formed and incorporated under the name of the Stevens County Publishing Company. An entirely new plant has been purchased and the paper started. The result is now before you in this first issue of The Colville Examiner.

Thus the Examiner was started, it is supported and its politics are controlled by the democratic party of Stevens county. Hence it can in no manner become a personal organ. It expects and is prepared to receive the invectives and time-worn slurs of political adversaries. A newspaper instituted in the manner of the Examiner means danger to opposing political parties. It means danger to any party or individual whose methods threaten to undermine the principle and spirit of democracy upon which this government was founded.

Colville was chosen for the home of this paper for the reason that here was found the best field for a paper which in its news columns would be morally, orthographically and typographically clean. Personal attacks on citizens of known integrity will never be found in the Examiner. Poor spelling and improper grammatical construction are a direct affront to our public school system and an eyesore to an intelligent reader. They should not be tolerated in any publication in the country and WILL not be here.

The taxpayers of the county support a number of public representatives at the county seat. The work of these servants of the people is of interest to all. An attack upon them is a reproach to a plurality of the county's voters. For several years many people of the county have not known what was actually being done by the county officials. The administration of a county is of as much interest and importance to the few as is the work of the national government to the many. This department of news is deemed important by the Examiner and will be thoroughly covered, but with

the element of personality excluded. Most citizens are capable of thinking for themselves, and newspaper invectives against county officials bring few good citizens to a new country.

The Examiner is an example of home industry. The entire paper is produced in Colville, with no plate reading matter, no trust-made editorial suggestions. As such it is the only one in Colville and one of the few in the county.

When the entire equipment reaches here the Examiner will be able to turn out the best job printing in the county. This means just what it says. There is no intention of invading the field of work which of right belongs to others and which they can fill. But Stevens county is large enough to now demand an up-to-date printing establishment and thus keep its printing at home. For years much has been going to Spokane, to Seattle, to Tacoma. The money for this can hereafter retain its circulation in Stevens county, while the same quality of work can often be produced cheaper.

If the people of Stevens county support any newspaper, they have a right to expect that paper to do something toward the upbuilding of the county. The resources of this county are plainly discernible to the investor or worker who comes here. But why do not more come here? This is the vital good which a newspaper can do. A clean publication with the interests of the citizens, of the county and of its industries at heart can effectively reach more people than any other agency. The Examiner has no intention of concealing the many opportunities which are to be found hereabout, or in any way attempting to discourage new enterprises, for under the conditions which govern this paper there is no opportunity for personal gain in silence. Names of homeseekers or people looking for business openings are not only welcomed but solicited. It costs money to send sample copies but it costs the county more not to have them sent. A larger population would mean more production, more money, more development, and in the end more subscribers. Hence if for only business reasons this paper can well afford to spend considerable energy along a line which will redound to the benefit of the county.

The above statements are due the patrons of this paper. If they appeal to the people as being fair and right, let them give support, whatever be their politics, creed or station.