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## NOTHING GAINED BY SCRAPING.

The general acceptance of the ancient adage that "misery loves company" appears at first glance to be a tact acknowledgment of the innate meanness of human nature rather than the nobleness of its soul. Is it not rather, the desire or sympathy that is never so well expressed as when a fellow creature as experienced the same grief that agitates your heart that makes "misery love company," rather than a desire that another should suffer simply because we do. These thoughts were prompted by the knowledge that the city of Portland is at present troubled with difficulties that have arisen in its city council similar to the troubles in Marshfield. It goes to prove that Marshfield is not alone in these troubles. They are as universal as humanity. They are co-existent with human nature. A knowledge of this fact should help us to bring a broad charity to the solution of these troubles. The councilmen and the mayor of Marshfield are no better and no worse than mayor's and councilmen of thousands of American municipalities. It is the municipality where the councilmen and mayor by exercising uncommon common sense harmonize their differences and work together for the general good of the entire city that the greatest good is accomplished. This should be the aim and effort of the mayor and city council of Marshfield.

In discussing the Portland difficulties the Telegram has the following editorial which The Times commends to Marshfield officials for reading and consideration. It is not personal because it was written for another city but it expresses the attitude of the public toward such conditions when they arise:

"To the city council and the mayor the wordy and acrimonious altercations conducted by the two may appear to contribute somewhat to the gaiety of nations, but it strikes the average man of this city with something akin to disgust. It is not business in itself, nor does it accomplish anything that has the semblance of business. Both parties might understand, if their remarks were not dulled by petty anger, that the people of Portland are heartily tired of the stale and silly exhibition.

"In the chief matter at issue, that of public lighting, there is no more excuse for this official tomfoolery than in the discussion of any other subject which affects the interests of the city. The taxpayer is inclined to regard this subject with calm and unruffled temper, and inasmuch as he foots the bills, whatever the outcome, the mayor and the council might manage to consider it as a rational man, and without the vulgar clamor which has characterized their discussions.

If there is a way to get cheaper lighting the people of Portland want to be shown that way. If the city can own and operate the lighting plant to advantage, well and good. Nothing remains but to investigate and discover the data which has a practical business-like bearing on that proposition. This is not to be accomplished by an exhibition of personal animosity between the executive and legislative branches of the city government. Such a method of transacting so important an affair is not what the people of Portland expect; nor is it what they will be disposed to tolerate for any considerable length of time. What is desired is that sober, serious consideration befitting a body of respectable business men, and not the scolding and vituperation that would do credit to a corporation of fish-wives.

If the council is in favor of an investigation the public-lighting question that will determine at the earliest possible date whether we might not adopt some other more economical system, or whether, under present conditions, we are paying too much for the service we get, why not have made that fact plain from the very outset? This would have been decidedly more to the purpose than abusing the mayor. On the other hand, if the mayor has any definite and practical plan which he thinks will insure greater economy in public lighting, without en-

## WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

That man may last but never lives  
Who much receives, but nothing gives;  
Whom none can love, whom none can thank—  
Creation's blot, creation's blank.

GIBBON.

**LITTLE MR. LITTLE.**  
Little Mr. Little is a timid little man,  
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Little Mr. Little is a man you'd never note,  
His hat is five and something, and he wears a rusty coat,  
The trolley rush upsets him, he never gets a seat,  
And half the leading men in town have trodden on his feet;  
But little children love him, though his clothes are out of style,  
And dogs run out to meet him, and wag their tails and smile.

Of learning he has nothing, of talent not a spark,  
He doesn't own one quality commanding of remark,  
With mind too small for envy or pride or guile or greed,  
This little Mr. Little is a funny sort, indeed;  
And yet the host of friends he has! in every block are scores,  
For little Mr. Little's heart is big as all outdoors.

You never have to dun a Coos Bay man who owes you a grudge.

Some of the charity that begins at home makes a quick get away.

There are some people on Coos Bay who look easy until you try to do them.

It is easier for some Coos Bay women to hold a strong man than to hold their tongue.

Sooner or later the chronic kicker gets his foot in it and the chronic knocker gets knocked.

"A good thing about money," remarked the Philosopher, "is the temptations you escape by not having it."

A Coos Bay father who has learned by experience says that the lengthening of a girl's dresses means a shortening of her papa's bank balance.

Passed the maze in folly spent;  
Spendthrift ways a while are pent.  
Virtue pays, let's save each cent—  
No displays—  
And pay back rent in the days that now are Lent.

Cleaned Out.



"Sorry to hear you had scarlet fever at your house. That's a bad disease. They say it usually leaves you with something."

"That! It isn't likely to leave me with anything, judging from the doctor's bill."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

"How did you amuse yourselves while you had the whooping cough?" asked Uncle Jack of his small nephews.

"We played Indians," they answered in chorus, "and our whoops were great."

entering into a contract for a number of years with the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, why does he not present it? This would be better than mere abstract letter writing or than accusing the Council of corruption.

"What the public demands on the one hand is fair and loyal service from the council, and on the other hand an abstinence from playing politics on the part of the mayor. It may be considered as useless presumption to call the attention of either party to the futility of the course now pursued, to the unsatisfactory character of it so far as the people are concerned. Nevertheless, both parties were elected for public service and not for public entertainment, though the latter possesses the novelty and the yowling characteristics of a convocation of Kilkenny cats."

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