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MAYOR STRAW'S DILEMMA.

THE TIMES IS NOT advised that Mayor Straw is seeking sympathy. If he were, The Times is probably the last place in the city he would look for it. Nevertheless, The Times is vibrant with human emotions and would be quick to respond to such a call. Anyway, The Times does sympathize with Mayor Straw and believes him to be worthy of that "fellow feeling that makes us wondrous kind."

Recently two of the members of the Marshfield city council resigned and the task of filling the vacancies devolved upon the Mayor. The Times has absolute knowledge that Mayor Straw has offered the place to at least three or four capable, strong and prominent citizens of Marshfield and in each instance the proffered honor has been rejected. The men chosen were well qualified to take up the city work and assist in placing the finances and general business affairs of the municipality on a better basis. They were men in whom everyone repose confidence. In some cases pressure of friends was brought to bear and Mayor Straw made a manly effort to enlist their services. Still they refused.

The proposition now resolves itself into a peculiar problem. If prominent citizens and large property-owners refuse to make some personal sacrifices to assist in adjusting the present complications they should not complain if matters grow worse instead of better. Mayor Straw has manifested a disposition to co-operate with all elements in a way that may result in improved conditions. If men of proved capacity refuse the call of duty, there should be no whining or whimpering if men of lesser ability make errors of judgment in a position that just at present requires the very best brains and ability that the city of Marshfield possesses.

It is idle talk to say at this time that the reason these men will not accept the place is because affairs are complicated. That when the city is in the hole it must help itself out as best it can. We are all component parts of the city and to just the extent that a man is prominent as a citizen or a property holder he is involved. We must all feel the responsibility individually and as individuals make personal sacrifice if need be for the general good.

Mayor Straw has made good in throwing wide open the golden gate of opportunity to business men to serve their city and he should not be too harshly criticised if later he must fill the places with men of lesser capacity. When he is compelled to wander up and down the highways and byways seeking men who will accept a place, there should be no cause of complaint if he wearies of the burden and hands the office to the first man he meets some bright and sunny March morning.

The Times has heretofore been criticised for editorially commending Mayor Straw and the query has been made if it was going to join the Straw forces. The Times, as it has repeatedly stated is neither for or against Mayor Straw. His public acts have been criticised and will be again when occasion warrants, but Mayor Straw is entitled to and will receive a fair, square deal in this paper. That's what The Times stands for in every case and at all times for all men, despite the fact that such has been denied by carping critics who felt the pinch of criticism and conscience at the same time.

It may as well be understood now, that The Coos Bay Times, will honestly and frankly endorse every clever and helpful thing Mayor Straw shall do as the city's executive, criticise and fight, and champion the public's prerogative, whenever occasion arises. The Times is not predisposed against the Mayor or the Council, as things stand, nor will it cultivate any untoward spirit of opposition; but knowing what it does of the temperamental conditions here, it reserves the right to stay in the open and scrap for the right, as the public sees it, until the popular will is respected here far more than it has been in the past.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

All the strength and all the arts of men are measured by, and founded upon, their reverence for the passion and their guardianship of the purity of love. CARLYLE.

Here's to the man who's a has-been now,
The man who has tasted fame;
Who has worn the laurel about his brow,
And played his part in the game,
Here's to the man who has once been up,
Who was proud when he walked about;
Here's strength to him and a loving cup,
The man who is down and out. ANON.

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