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LET THE TRUTH BE KNOWN.

"We realize that for the past year Roseburg has undevotedly had to bear the burden of a so-called newspaper continually and persistently knocking every movement of importance. This not only included proposed new enterprises, but the general reputation of the city, both financially and otherwise. We do not propose to discuss that despicable sheet, which hypocritically pretends to represent a highly moral element, for, according to current reports, its chief sponsors have a reputation unfit to be delineated in a family newspaper. Such 'holier than thou' pretenses as it puts on are thoroughly disgusting to those who know what is back of them. Roseburg, in fact, one of the best law-abiding towns in the state, yet this persistent defamer is frequently declaiming in big type and grating headlines of 'dens of iniquity' which it claims to be cleaning up here. That such 'dens' have existed mainly in its own perfervid imagination, as well as the most of the other alleged crimes it so frequently heralds, makes no difference with the decidedly unsavory reputation it is giving to town abroad. People here at home know there is no 'reign of lawlessness' in Roseburg, but just the reverse. The live business people of Roseburg should get together without delay and give notice to the knockers and scandal-mongers to 'move on,' as we have no room for them."—From Last Night's Review.

The above is an extract taken from an editorial appearing in last night's issue of our esteemed contemporary, The Review.

The News pleads guilty to the charge that it publishes the news. This paper makes no discrimination of the news items that it publishes. It will print the facts as they happen from day to day, be it the indictment of men prominent in the business affairs of this city or the misfortune that may befall the humblest of our citizens. We take it that the function of a newspaper is to print the news, not withhold it or perjure it. That newspaper which does not do so is unfaithful to its trust to the great mass of common people whom it is printed to serve. The newspaper belongs to the public. The public at large—not any one set or group of individuals—owns the paper. We have not been in the newspaper business as long as our brother of the Review, but in the short time that we have been a journalist we have consulted and studied the highest authorities on journalism in an effort to give to the public a newspaper which, so far as newspaper ideals is concerned, strives toward the best. We have read with great interest and much inspiration an address given recently by Talcott Williams, director of the Pulitzer School of Journalism, and one of the things that made a deep impression on us was the following: "The journalist walks between the living masses and dead knowledge. The true journalist's life is builded into the structure of society. His first duty is not to the individual, not to the class, not to party; it is to his community, whether it is a small town or a great city. Newspapers have established the fact that it is in the existence of evil and not the publication thereof that the wrong exists. We cannot exclude the foul air of the sewer from our house unless we clean the sewer." Louis T. Golding, publisher of the News-Press in an address before the class in Journalism at the University of Missouri said "No newspaper can hold favor which is not devoted exclusively to the public interest. Indulgence in the public service will not be overlooked. No flirtation with boss or predatory interest, no arrogant enforcement of personal views, no letting down of professional standards, no decline in the quality of service is permitted." And these are the ideals that we keep constantly before us as we edit and publish The News. We fall short of the mark frequently—no human being can reach perfection—but it is our effort and desire to conduct this paper by that the public—that great body of good citizens—may know that this paper is serving their interests and interests alone. That we have at least the support and confidence of a goodly number of the citizenship of this community we believe to be true and in addition we have material evidence of it as may be seen by reference to another page of this edi-

tion.

But let us get back to the extract quoted above. Our brother of the Review says that we "have persistently knocked every movement of importance." Including as well "the general reputation of the city, both financially and otherwise." This is a serious charge were it based upon any facts.

In the first place this paper has advocated through its columns every worthy enterprise that has been launched in this community. It has urged new settlers to come here not only through the paper but by hundreds of personal letters as well. It fully realizes and understands the great commercial, agricultural and industrial future of Douglas county and with a firm and steadfast belief in this future it has done as much as it can to help bring the settler. It has consistently stood for civic improvements of all kinds. It favors the building of a railroad to the coast and has and always will encourage and support worthy promoters and investors. It supports with an open hand and heart all officials who are courageous, fearless, honest and scrupulous in their fidelity to their public trust.

The News does not take the stand that vice and corruption should be shielded from publicity. It does not believe that the publication of immoral conditions in this or any other community retards the growth of the community. It makes decent people everywhere know that there in that particular community there is a newspaper which is fearlessly holding out to the glare of publicity those evils that undermine and corrupt the community. The bawdy house, the blind pig, the dealer in illicit goods and wares, the crook, the man of a double life all seek security in darkness. The minute they are held up to public view by a press which fears not their slander, their vituperation, their threats, the loss of their business, their underhanded methods, their offers of friendship and assistance; that minute the influence is gone and the community is better off.

The statement is made by our worthy contemporary that the "dens" that this paper has from time to time called upon the officers to raid

have existed mainly in our imagination. Yet if this extremely high-minded editor of the Review would examine the records of City Recorder Wimberly's docket he will find a number of convictions and pleas of guilty there by women who were arrested for conducting a bawdy house. These arrests and convictions or pleas of guilty are directly traceable to the action of The News in exposing their existence here. If this be "knocking" then we are glad that we are a knocker.

The police officer of this city would never have acted in these cases had not The News taken the stand that it did. This paper kept fearlessly on in its crusade even in the face of an attempt to blackmail its editor by a trumped up affidavit signed by one or two inmates of the bawdy house. But their effort failed and that particular woman and the inmates of her house have gone from Roseburg for all time.

Every community the world over which is not fortunate enough to have a press that will not wink at immorality or that will not shield the evildoer is dying of dry rot. The people as a whole want to see their community prosper and it will only prosper when their is a wholesome, pure atmosphere surrounding the civic and moral conditions of that town.

Does The Review think that it can drive The News out of business? One would think so by reading the last sentence of the paragraph quoted. The sentence is a direct call to arms of the advertisers of this city to cease their patronage of this paper in order to make The News "move on."

The News knows its advertisers better perhaps than does The Review. It believes them to be men whose judgment cannot be swayed by such terms as "scandal-monger" or "knocker." The business men of the city advertise in this paper because they get value received for the money spent—not because they are philanthropic and want to give away their money. The News is here to stay. It has stood the abuse of The Review and its small coterie of followers of many years. It has grown from a small four page paper issued once a week to an eight page

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dally and semi-weekly. And it has grown because the public—the people—have confidence in its integrity and sincerity. And that is why it is the big paper—both in number of pages and circulation—that it is today. No, Mr. Review editor do not flatter yourself into thinking that you can fool the people all the time. You have tried to fool the people long enough. The facts of the case are that in your article last night you thought that you could bolster up the waning cause of a certain group of men in this city whose end on the grip of affairs is about over.

Too long has this group fastened itself upon this fair city. Its tentacles have been in our city government, they have been in our city government, but not so strongly entrenched there, they have tried to inject themselves into the policy of the Commercial Club, they are now making a last and forlorn fight to keep control of those things that they have had. But there is an aroused citizenship that is tired of this domineering group in our city affairs. The citizenship will no longer tolerate these conditions. The people must rule and not the group. The past three months has been a period of unrest, a desire to break away from the yoke of oppression. The News has seen it coming. Every citizen who stops to consider has seen it coming and is glad. No longer will this arrogant clique control this city and community. The day for throwing it aside is not far off.

And the mouthpiece of this group, this clique of manipulators is our esteemed contemporary, The Roseburg Review. It barks when it is called upon. It is silent when told to be still. The News has tried to treat its contemporary with fairness. It has never taken up the cudgel against The Review until driven to it by the littlest, most contemptible sneers that one paper could use against another. There is no spark of manhood in such articles as appeared in The Review last night. We venture the assertion that the only people who took it literally are those who inspired it.

The News is owned absolutely by the man whose name appears at the top of these columns. It owes allegiance to no one except its readers and to them it owes all. On their support it rests contented. We are no better than the average man—and no worse. We are human—not

a snarling hound. The good citizens of this town are with us in our fight for a clean town and riddance of the yoke that has encircled this community. The fight has just begun and when it is over this community will breathe purer and fresher air. Let all good citizens be prepared to use their strength in the fight now in progress to the end that Roseburg may be a better, bigger place for the settler who will be proud to come.

A Statement Of Fact.

The publicity department of the Roseburg Commercial Club depends for its funds on public spirited people in this community. All people do not contribute to this fund. Their reasons for not doing so are perhaps good. But this fund boasts Roseburg more than any two or three other kinds of advertising. The Even-

ing News believes that this publicity department is doing good work. It encourages this work to the extent of a ten dollar contribution each month. We wish that we could give more and we hope that we will be able to do so in a short time. But—we are a knocker according to our worthy prince of good fellows, the editor of the Review, who has not given a single solitary cent to this publicity fund for eight months. Truthfulness, your name was never REVIEW.

The News last night received a postal card from Edward Singleton who is attending the State Fair at Salem. Among other things Ed says: "The weather is fine, having a good time, come down, lots of good races and plenty of water."

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