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#### THAT GAG RULE "CAW CUSS."

There are now three citizens' tickets in the field of municipal politics in Marshfield. Without attempting to discuss the personnel of any of them it may not be amiss to assert that two, at least, were the evolution of the curious device, the action of which was successfully engineered by certain excellent Marshfield gentlemen. Messrs. Murphy, Mahoney, Devers and McLain covered themselves all over with glory, by patriotically and steadfastly asserting and maintaining what they believed were the time honored customs of a score of vanished years in Marshfield. Others were present in the body, but by virtue of Marshfield's ingenious and remarkable charter and the astonishing form of caucus which that charter prescribes, they were happily and promptly suppressed in accordance with "the practice of the last twenty years." The same majority, under the guidance of the estimable gentlemen mentioned, nominated their own candidates and those of the opposition, and the people had no recourse except to go around the corner and use reprehensible language.

To say that the people were angry but lightly expresses it. They felt outraged. They had seen the city of Marshfield grow in importance and they were anxious to please their own civic pride by increasing the dignity of the city government and bringing its morals and manners to a practical and respectable standard of decency. They wanted to be able to point to that government and its occasional assemblages without being ashamed of its expressions or its laws. They did not propose to make radical declarations in favor of extreme purity, but they felt that disreputable and disorderly houses should be removed from the prominent streets to where they would not be a constant shame to refined ladies and a blight to the morals of the youth of the city. They had heard of the brutality and indiscretion of certain police officials and they wished to insist upon the correction of that barbarous abuse. The people of Marshfield were of opinion that they should be permitted to make some suggestions to that caucus. They wanted to suggest that it was absurd that a city government should make ordinances and never publish them. That it was ridiculous to file those ordinances away so that when a man wanted to know the law of the city he would have to put a clairvoyant on the trail of the lost document. They wished to call attention to the fact that no financial statement of the receipts and expenditures of the city was ever made out and that it was believed that the city bookkeeping was a mystery past finding out. They desired to suggest that the meetings of the city council were spasmodical and called without notice to the public. At such meetings people with important matters to consider or who were interested in the subject matter to be discussed, usually found that the matter was disposed of without their knowledge. They wanted to suggest also that the east side of Front street should be within the fire limits and that buildings suitable for warehouses might be constructed there of other material than brick and cement if not above three stories high. There were many other things which Marshfield citizens were anxious to know about, but the gentlemen who ran the caucus thought that for twenty years the caucuses had been run without listening to or considering the people of Marshfield, and that they and theirs would not now change the program. So the majority were shut off and shut up and a ticket was forced down their throats then and there and the "caucus" adjourned in accordance with the custom and practice of twenty years.

But the people were still mad. They had a right to be. They concluded to put another ticket in the field notwithstanding the custom and practice of twenty years standing to the contrary. Ira C. Smith was nominated for mayor. He doesn't approve gag rule. He doesn't favor disorderly houses on the great highway in sight of all decent people. He believes this city has arrived at a stage where it should publish its laws, account for its finances, wear an air of decency and talk decent English. He also believes that the saloons should pay a license of six hundred dollars per annum although some people think it should be a thousand. He believes it is time to place the city on a business basis—and to revise its charter so that the gag rule "caucus" will go glimmering together with its "custom and practice of twenty years."

#### BANDON NOTES.

Bandon, Nov. 22.  
 A scow load of rock in transit from the Tupper rock quarries, intended for the jetty on the opposite side of the river, was sunk last Monday night in the channel, and the work of raising the obstruction is still unfinished.

Creamery talk is warm these days; two competing concerns, both from San Francisco, desire locations. Harry Houston, brother of Dr. Houston, of this place, left Tuesday for Los Angeles, where he will be employed during the winter.

The Bowman Cigar Co., of this place have made arrangements to enlarge their factory to employ five instead of only three as heretofore. One hundred new lock boxes have been put in by the local postmaster, and then there is a demand for more.

Preparations are being made by the Eagles of Bandon to take quite a flock along to the big installation at Coquille, Saturday. Mr. J. Green, of San Francisco, representing a large creamery establishment, is in town. He will locate a plant in Bandon.

Union Thanksgiving services of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches will be held in the latter's building. Dr. Perkins left Wednesday for Portland. He will be absent two weeks. He leaves his practice in charge of Dr. Kelly.

Dr. Tatom, of Coquille, is a Bandon visitor today.

A movement is now on foot to aid in deepening the channel of the Coquille river by building a dyke across the mouth of the old lagoon. Popular subscription will attempt the work, which will cost less than \$1,000.

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