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WHO'S TO BLAME.

The city government of Marshfield is confronted by a condition which is not peculiar to this city. Other municipalities which at certain periods of their history, never dreamed of becoming important, during those periods neglected to systematize the business of the city government and allowed it to take care of itself. Such was Kansas City before the bridge was built across the Missouri river and it took a good deal of courage and careful management to put that city in shape to receive and assume the greatness which afterwards came to it. Now that Marshfield is on the verge of greater and better things she finds that taxation, finances, government and all the features of policy which regulate and improve a city, are not a joke but a very serious and important matter. Nobody in particular is to blame. The members of the city council may think that the people of the city blame them, but such is not the case. If there is blame to attach to anybody for the absurd condition of municipal affairs, it will not attach for what has or has not been done, but for failures to do what must be done in the future to put the city right. Mayor Straw, for instance, has been very plain and outspoken in his statements to the council of the needs of the city and the council have conceded it. Now that those needs have become painfully apparent nothing remains for the mayor, but to be as vigorous in getting down to real work as is Mr. Sacchi. By taking such action he can and should cover himself with glory.

The Times published the report of the expert accountant Mr. Squires concerning the condition of the city government and, while the report reflected no credit on our system of doing the municipal business it reflected no discredit on the officials, providing the council proceeds to correct the deficiencies pointed out. It is a mistake to suppose that The Times has injured any man because of the publicity given to that report. The people of Marshfield have suspected that such a condition existed and have felt its evil more deeply because it was not understood. If the city government would only understand what some of the councilmen understand—that in order to successfully administer the affairs of the city, the people must be taken into its confidence and treated as if they were entitled to know what is occurring—it would prove far more satisfactory and the popularity of its members would not suffer. The people of Marshfield own Marshfield and the officials are the people's agents. The agents should court publicity for all their public acts and so be above suspicion. Let the city council meet the obstacles which confront it manfully and with a feeling that the apathy of the past and not they personally, are responsible for the present dilemma. Get the city business systematized. Get a charter which will be sufficient for the needs of a growing city. Get books of account, competent servants who shall receive reasonable compensation for their work, adopt rules to govern the meetings of the city council and conduct the public business with the dignity which befits a place of Marshfield's importance. This is all the people ask now.

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WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

Man's life is like a winter's day— Some break their fast, and so depart away; Others stay dinner, then depart full fed, The longest age but saps and goes to bed. —Henshaw.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE.

Talk happiness. What if you're not As light and as bright as the skies, Where the sun ever shines Down the silvery lines . . . but swing out of Paradise; Will the shadows you feel And do not conceal Make the shine of the sun any brighter? Will the burdens you bear And expose everywhere Make the load of the weary ones lighter?

Talk happiness. What though You've got an overplus of woe, Conceal it somehow. You will find There's plenty of the other kind To talk their troubles. Don't you let Yourself be caught in any net. With such a bunch, brace up, and show Yourself superior to woe. Of course it is a bluff; but, say, You needn't give yourself away, And those who listen need not know What lies behind your cheerful show.

Talk happiness. By that You rise above the dreary flat Of trouble-talkers, and command A passing glimpse of Happy Land, A passing glimpse that brings some cheer To you no less than those who hear The words you speak, and, hearing, lift Their heavy eyes up to the rift That breaks the clouds and lets the blue, With its good cheer, come streaming through.

Talk happiness. It's hard, no doubt, But there's enough to talk about, And though it isn't yours, perhaps, Jealous at other people's snaps, If you have troubles, cut them out, Or leave to friends to talk about.

Talk happiness, although Your bosom may be full of woe, But if you can't—if you must tell How far the Lord has not done well By you, go out and throw your words Of woe and trouble to the birds, —W. J. Lampton.

"What's that piece of cord tied around your finger for," one Marshfield citizen asked another as they met on Front street.

"My wife put it there to remind me to mail her letter," the one addressed replied.

"And did you mail it?" "No; she forgot to give it to me."

His Report. Father—How is it that I find you kissing my daughter? Answer me, sir! How is it? Young man—Fine, sir, fine.

"Now there is nothing wrong organically with your father. He needs rest that is all. As for occupation let him do something that will netter his mind, nor carry with it any responsibility," said a Marshfield physician to the son of a man who is not well.

"I understand, Doc," the son replied, "I'll get him appointed to the vacancy on the Marshfield city council."

The impossibility of telling the exact truth "in the paper" is illustrated by an exchange who sets out the following items:

John Dovie, our grocerman, is doing a poor business. His store is dirty, dusty and noisily odoriferous. How can he expect to do much? Rev. Styx preached last Sunday on charity. His sermon was punk.

Dave Skunkey died at his home in this place. The doctor gave it out as heart failure. The fact is he was drunk and whiskey killed him.

Should the editor really print such truthful items he would have to meet Dovie, Styx and the Widow Skunkey on the office steps before he could get the key into the lock. News has to be modified.

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