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LET US TALK IT OVER

PUBLIC PATIENCE FAILING.

WHATEVER THE flattering unctious the Common Council of Marshfield is laying to its corporate soul, the actual fact remains, undisguised and unmistakable, that the patience of the Marshfield public is failing; and there may be plenty of significance given of the real extent of this lapse from confidence and regard. It is but another reiteration of the old story of the arbitrariness of long-continued authority and the inevitable assumption of infallibility, and the consequent expression of intemperate purpose; these tales are always told to the end, and the end is always the same.

The people are just beginning to understand that the council and its committees and advisers are not so clever, nor thoughtful, nor considerate of the public purse and pride as they should be, and the realization is wrought of facts that permit no other accounting, such as the raw and costly blunders developing constantly in the matter of the city's finances, and the hard and fast program laid out and adhered to of secret sessions to agree on unity of action in affairs of city wide public concern, along with lesser manifestations of incapacity and official disregard of the essentials of cost, convenience, and general conservation of the popular interests.

The impression is justified that the council and its group of attaches are too closely knit, too unified in purpose, too compact and homogeneous, to serve the broader ends of real public service and this conviction leads to the downfall of all civic faith and reliance. No council is above the electorate that puts it in power; nor does its pretended adherence to the wishes and will of the people, always lavishly made under reproach, relieve it of the charge of indifference or worse, when based upon such tangible pleas as Marshfield now makes against the present administration. The council is blundering badly in more ways than one, and it will do well to call a halt in its autocratic course of doing things irrespective of protest and counter-pleas from the public; especially in this matter of the change in the charter and alteration of old time methods in nomination of city officials. A continuance of its peremptory schedule will invite reprisals that even it may not flout. For if it dreams for one instant that Marshfield is going to have a bond issue crammed down its throat without proper preparation and essential scrutiny of all preliminaries, it is going up against a lesson in the efficacy of the lay of the people that will open its eyes. It can have its way about the bonds, provided the taxpayers and the people generally have their way first. This by way of warning!

THE COUNCIL AND THE PEOPLE.

The Marshfield city council and some of its officials seem determined to place themselves on record as arrogant arbiters of the city's destiny without reference to the wishes or wants of the people or electorate. In every enlightened community in the United States today, the people have either secured or are strenuously striving for the exercise of a wider control in the nomination and election of their public officials. The primary system is being universally accepted and adopted even to the extent of naming United States senators. In the face of this unanimous public sentiment when a resolution is presented to the Marshfield city council to permit the people to select their candidates for city offices by a primary election instead of the primitive methods of an ante-diluvian age, the city caucus, City Attorney Farrin promptly objects to any such progressive step, City Recorder Upton also protests against it and the council lays the matter on the table.

Are the officials and members of the council suspicious of the people? It would seem so. They do not propose to trust them to name candidates by voting for them. They must be named in the personally directed caucus with fixed moves like an automatic numbering machine. If the members of the city council think they are the masters of the people of Marshfield instead of servants they are in for a rude awakening.

DON'T FORGET THE RECALL.

There has been more or less fun all over Oregon on the score of the "Recall;" that newest, and yet untried, franchise of power held by the people. It may be well not to forget that it is on the statute-books. There is a reserve force in that law that may be invaluable when it is least expected. It has the same organic and unappealable dictum that attaches to other popular laws and properly applied will be just as effective.

It may have values transcending many another and better known law, and certainly its intent is admirable, since it gives the people a chance to correct their own blunders and qualify their own faith in the matter of their servants. We hope never to see it invoked in Coos county; but at the same time it is not wise to forget it, in office nor out of it; the mere knowledge that it is a reservation, legal and mandatory, should minimize the chance of its being set in motion.

We believe in placing these powers directly in the hands of those who make them: The courts are far too tender in disqualifying the unworthy servant, and "time is of the essence" of this edict as well as of others of lesser import.

MARSHFIELD FOR MARSHFIELDIANS.

Egyptians demand a constitution; and they have raised the cry of "Egypt for the Egyptians." The political fashion of every people owning their own country has practically circumnavigated the globe.—Portland Telegram.

One of these days the people of Marshfield will assert their ownership of the city of Marshfield.

With the Toast and Tea

GOOD EVENING.

Speak well of every one if you speak of them at all—none of us is so very good.

—Selected.

Before The Camp-Fire.

The dancing flames, as from the logs they fly
And upward leap as if to greet the sky,
Seem like the souls of fallen pines to me,
Eager, elate, at thought of being free.

And now and then a soft, scarce whispered hiss
That greets the ear suggests a parting kiss;
Or it's the sigh of one who at the last
Recalls some happy moment of the past?

JOHN KENDRICK BANGS.

The man who is always agreeable is a half brother to the jelly-fish.

The dead are usually forgotten before the undertaker's bill is paid.

You will notice that a thousand people talk philosophy where one lives up to it.

The bachelor may always console himself with the thought that "Peace hath her victories."

In addition to the punishment that belongs to him, every man gets a lot that he can't account for.

In the midst of dreams of happiness one may always be certain that fate is winding the alarm-clock.

"A man doesn't regard his children as kin; cousins, aunts and uncles, and that sort of thing, are kin."

Since we have learned that the Chippewa word for cranberry pie is "masigiganibakwashigan" we have not had the courage to inquire what their word is for buckwheat cakes and maple syrup.

Wm. Randolph Hearst furnished the plank and the Standard Oil Company the grease that made it easy for Haskell and Foraker to slide out of public life.

A woman physician in London says that the women who wear low-neck gowns or open-work stockings are much healthier than those who do not. Being a woman she ought to know—better.

John Flanagan has established a new American record for throwing the hammer. This is not our Coos Bay John, but Jack says there are some pretty good Coos Bay hammer handlers who might challenge the other Flanagan.

"You can't please everybody," said the man who is fond of moral reflections, at the Millicoma.

"And far be it from me to try," responded the party of the second part. "I'd be satisfied if I could please my wife."

First Bridesmaid—They are well matched, don't you think?
Second Bridesmaid—Rather—she's a grass widow and he's a vegetarian!

"Did you ever try counting sheep when you can't sleep?" Julius Dix asked of Otto McKee at the Millicoma last night.

"Yes, doc," Otto replied, "but I made a mess of it. I counted 10,000 sheep, put 'em on cars and shipped 'em to market. The wad of money I got for 'em made me afraid to go to sleep."

"You know Ethel gave George a very delicate declination of his proposal."

"How did she do it?"
"They are both amateur photographers and when he wrote her a note asking her to marry him she sent him a negative of herself."

"I understand sir, that you had the audacity to propose to my daughter. What have you to say to that?"
"Nothing, sir, except that your daughter had the impudence to accept me."

Steamer BREAKWATER sails from Coos Bay for Portland SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, at 2 P. M.

The girl who knows how to be pretty, though homely, has Solomon beaten to a finish for wisdom.

People starve themselves and spend more energy for a doubtful honor than it would require to keep a whole family in beefsteaks.



One can quite easily forget a debt, but debt somehow doesn't return the favor.

There are girls who always look as if they had just come in on the excursion.

Near beefsteak seems likely to become a favorite dish with even our best families.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

—of the—

The Flanagan & Bennett Bank
At Marshfield, in the State of Oregon, at the Close of Business
September 23, 1908.

Resources.

Loans and discounts	\$265,778.17
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,755.17
Bonds, securities, etc.	68,737.83
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	50,000.00
Due from approved reserve banks	42,015.65
Checks and other cash items	2,136.81
Cash on hand	67,215.84
Total	\$497,639.47

Liabilities.

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	39,329.20
Individual deposits subject to check	286,269.60
Demand certificates of deposit	12,246.08
Time certificates of deposit	108,866.45
Cashier's checks outstanding	928.14
Total	\$497,639.47

State of Oregon, County of Coos, ss: I, R. F. WILLIAMS, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. F. WILLIAMS, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of September, 1908.
FRANCES McLEOD,
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
J. W. BENNETT,
JAS. H. FLANAGAN,
Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

—of the—

The Flanagan & Bennett Bank
of Myrtle Point
at Myrtle Point, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business,
September 23, 1908.

Resources.

Loans and discounts	\$10,007.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	8,523.21
Books and stationery	546.00
Expense	1,474.70
Due from approved reserve banks	27,625.42
Checks and other cash items	28.24
Cash on hand	8,063.51
Total	\$56,268.08

Liabilities.

Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	29,318.08
Demand certificates of deposit	250.00
Time certificates of deposit	1,700.00
Total	\$56,268.08

State of Oregon, County of Coos, ss: I, J. W. LENEVE, acting cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. LENEVE,
Acting Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of September, 1908.
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