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LET US TALK IT OVER

"Corruption wins not more than honesty."—Henry VIII.

Is there place for the man who will stand up and fight
For the home; for his friend; for the truth; for the right,
Who is clean, who is manly, and helpful and kind,
Who will hold out his hand to the halt and the blind?

Yes; there's place for a man with a soul and a heart
In pulpit; in forum; in the field; on the mart—
No; the sportsman shall not be in first at the goal
In a race with the man, with a heart and a soul.

Off times devious ways seem to win over straight
And the man with a soul, has a long time to wait—
Yet, nothing more certain; after dark, comes the day
Truth vanquishes error; wrong yields up the way.

Then, gird on your armor and look toward the light—
Be truthful; be honest; be firm for the right;
Ever true to yourself; to your ideal, be true,
If you don't find the place, the place will find you.

And cling closer to honor and be not misled—
Don't take glitter for gold, nor the feet for the head,
Nor the form for the thing, nor the part for the whole,
For what profits a man, if he lose his own soul?

THE MUNICIPAL caucus has played two tickets in the field for the consideration and suffrages of the Marshfield electorate. One of these tickets is sponsored and vouched, for by the recently organized Citizens' League; the other was supposed to be supported by the present administration. This, however, is a matter of minor consequence in comparison with the more vital fact of the men themselves and what they stand for. The Times is gratified that the personnel of both tickets is beyond cavil or criticism. Every name is that of a clean, capable, honest and honorable citizen. It is equally a matter for congratulation that the voters have several names from which to select the men who will represent them on the city governing board.

All the candidates being equally acceptable as private citizens the matter of their selection as public servants must devolve upon a declaration of their principles and policies in the broader field of public action which their election would involve. Even in national campaigns the personality of the candidates and their views are becoming more important than the platforms of the parties which nominate them. The people have come to place more faith in the man and less in high sounding and ear tinkling phrases of the platform which is too often regarded as being like the platform of a railway car, made to get in on but not for service afterward.

What do these individual candidates stand for if elected?

Are they in favor of a progressive policy for the city of Marshfield?

Are they in favor of guarding the people's interests in the matter of franchises by thorough publicity and discussion before granting corporate favors?

Are they in favor of open meetings of the city council at all times at which the humblest citizen may be heard as well as the representative of the wealthiest corporation?

Are they in favor of an economical administration of city affairs without being niggardly to the extent of blocking the wheels of progress?

Are they in favor of the "square deal" for every man all the time regardless of personal pull or financial influence?

Are they in favor of proper fire restrictions without hampering the city's growth or recklessly endangering and damaging business investments by permitting shacks to be erected anywhere in the city?

These are a few of the questions that the voters of Marshfield would like to be informed upon before election day. It is only fair that the men who are seeking their suffrages should make a statement over their signature. This may be done without acrimony or dispute. Marshfield is too small and too vitally interested in a continuation of her prosperity and progress to indulge in factional fights or bitterness. The effort of every man is too greatly needed to boom and boost the city to future greatness to waste an ounce of energy in vain dispute. Nature has made us neighbors, let our own good sense and judgment make us friends.

The Times is not denying the good things that have become to Marshfield from the good men who have figured in her administration for the past year, but we are not forgetting the evil and loss that has come to her either. This paper has been severely and unjustly criticized as being opposed to the present administration. The Times is neither for or against the administration. It is at all times for the people—the people of Marshfield, of Coos Bay, and of Coos county. The Times has published the news as it developed at all times, without fear or favor. It has criticized actions that seemingly did not conform with the public weal, but at no time has its position been shaped or dictated by other than a desire for the public good. All it requires of the men who administer the city affairs is a candid and conscientious discharge of their duties. Let us have the "square deal" in performance as well as profession. Let every candidate say what he stands for and then the people can hold him to his promise. More cannot be exacted; less should not be expected.

THAT STREET RAILWAY FRANCHISE.

ONE OF THE MOST important problems that confronts a growing city is the safeguarding of its public utilities. Foremost, in these public utilities in a progressive city is the matter of transportation. One of the early problems that will be offered Marshfield for solution is the question of a franchise for a street railway. In an interview published in this paper early in the week Seymour H. Bell announced that the corporation which he represents was willing to expend between \$500,000 and \$600,000 if the people would grant a franchise to build and operate an electric line. He stated further that the people seemed to be opposed to the granting of this franchise. The Times is not advised as to the extent of this opposition or whether in his census of opinion Mr. Bell has enumerated this paper as opposed to granting a franchise. We desire to state here and now that The Times is not opposed to granting a franchise to Mr. Bell nor to anyone else who is willing to come into this community and invest money in the development of its latent resources. We are at all times emphatically and enthusiastically in favor of such action. All we ask is that the franchise be fair and square. Fair for the men who are investing their money and fair for the people who are granting concessions that will make such investment possible and profitable.

The Times does not want and will not stand for any dark lantern methods in the granting of franchises to public utility corporations. It believes that the men who invest their money are entitled to a fair deal but the people are equally entitled to consideration. If Mr. Bell wants a franchise let him prepare and present to the people of Coos Bay a copy of the franchise he desires. Let him tell the people what he wants and what he will give in return. Let us deal fairly with each other. Marshfield and Coos Bay does not want to sell its birthright for a mess of pottage. While the investment of a few hundred thousand dollars would be a very desirable thing it would not be worth a mortgage on the entire future of this section. A couple of rats laid down and around the water front of this bay that would encircle and shut it off from any future connection with land transportation except at the behest of the men who had the franchise are not worth while. Such a street railway is not desirable. If Mr. Bell will build a railway that will not only run along the water front but also into the outlying sections that are being built up by the people who are developing the country, and will be willing to permit the entrance of other corporations whose cooperative work may hasten the transformation of this town into a metropolitan city he will have the helpful and hearty co-operation of this paper. Mr. Bell and his confederates are not posing as philanthropists. It is a business proposition with them and as such should be so considered from both sides. The city of Marshfield should be willing to deal fairly with the men who are ready to give their money and their energy for the upbuilding of the city and men should also be willing to deal fairly with Marshfield. Let us be frank and understanding of what we are to give.

That's fair for Marshfield.

That's fair for Mr. Bell or any other man or corporation who seeks a franchise.

Coos Bay's Social Side.

(Continued from page 3.) Mr. Painter is the assistant agent of the Alliance at North Bend, where the young couple will reside. They were the recipients of congratulations from a host of friends.

Mrs. E. Mingus was hostess to the Biographic club and a few invited guests Thursday afternoon at a Thanksgiving social. College pennants and colors were a feature of the decorations. The afternoon's diversion was whist, Miss Alice Butler and Miss Agnes Hutchinson carrying off the honors. Refreshments were served. Among those present were Mrs. Perham, Mrs. A. E. Kruse, Miss Agnes Hutchinson, Miss Alice Butler, Mrs. W. F. Miller, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. H. W. Skinner, Mrs. Otto Schetter, Mrs. J. W. Flanagan, Miss O'Connell, Mrs. Wm. Lawlor, Mrs. E. K. Jones, Mrs. I. S. Kauffman, Mrs. Arthur McKeown, Mrs. J. T. McCormac and Miss Alice McCormac.

Miss Laura Kruse, of North Bend, has been the guest of Misses May and Kathleen Bennett for the past week.

Miss Letty Larson, of Larson's Inlet, has been spending a few days with Marshfield friends.

John W. Proctor, of San Francisco, is the guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. H. Flanagan.

L. D. Poyntz and wife who have been spending a few weeks in Portland returned Saturday.

The Presbyterian young folks enjoyed a social in the hall at the church Tuesday evening.

Miss Kathleen Bennett entertained at tea from 4 to 5 o'clock last Saturday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Reid of Alaska, who is visiting her parents, Judge and Mrs. C. A. Schlabre, Misses Lucy Horton and May Bennett served.

One of the enjoyable social events of the week in North Bend was the celebration of the eighteen wedding anniversary of Capt. and Mrs. Schmehl at their home last Tuesday evening. Among those who participated in the festivities and congratulations to the worthy couple were Mr. and Mrs. Everitt, Rev. and Mrs. Summerlin, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hoek, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Murr, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, Mr. Maybee, Mr. and Mrs. Hodson, Mrs. S. Bolster, Mrs. Cooley, Mrs. Miller, Prof. A. S. Raab, Mr. M. M. Strawn, Rev. Walter Ross, Mr. and Miss Davenport.

The ball given by the Assembly Club at the I. O. O. F. Hall last evening was one of the most successful of the week. There were about twenty-five couples present, practicing the same people as were in attendance at the first ball given by the club a few weeks ago. Punch was served during the dance and later all partook of a sumptuous spread in the banquet room. During the spread, Mayor E. E. Straw, J. W. Flanagan and H. W. Skinner and others responded to impromptu toasts, Mr. Row acting as toast master. One of the features of the "extras" was the "Dixie Two-Step" as a special favor to Mayor Straw.

The Coos Tribe Dramatic Club will soon be in readiness to present the comedy-drama "Uncle Josh," the cast of characters being as follows: Uncle Josh, just from Vermont... C. S. Dodge Count de Courville, noble in name, but ignoble in nature... Geo. N. Farrin Upson Downes, dude... T. W. Lynch Mulchaey, a ward politician... Ed. Archer Jos Clarke, a sport... H. Leyton Munson, detective... V. E. Boyer Erastus, a colored gentleman... G. E. Clary Miss Letty Reynolds, a beautiful young lady of 18... Miss Anna Devers Mrs. Reynolds, Letty's mother... Mrs. B. D. Jones Minerva, a typical old maid... Mrs. L. D. Pettijohn The stage settings of this play will be a revelation to Marshfield theatregoers, it being the intention of the director to have the most elaborately set stage ever seen in this part of the country.

The second monthly dance given by the Swastika Club was held in the I. O. O. F. Hall on Wednesday, November 18. A large part of the membership was present, and the Coos Bay Orchestra furnished special music for the occasion which was much appreciated by the members of the club.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Willey, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kimmmer, Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Farrin, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Rummell, Mr. and Mrs. Merriman, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Taylor, Mrs. Hattie Nicholls, Misses Eunice Nicholls, Nellie and Martha Bernitt, Ada and Della Chapman, Mildred Coke, Jennie Elekworth, Emma Erickson, Laura Escott, Harriet Ferrey, Edith and Selma Holm, Nell McIntosh, Selma and Ellen Johnson, Madge Savage, Nan Lyons, Anna Devers, Spence Wilson and Sadie Hogan; Messrs. George and Albert Seelig, Jas Cowan, Wm. Longstaff, Oscar Gulovson, James Merchant, W. J. Conrad, S. W. Bernitt, Billy Carey, R. R. Coster, G. F. Dillon, R. Dillard, S. E. Doyle, Jay Gray, Thayer Grimes, W. J. Morrow, E. Mernaham, F. M. Painter, Russell Trembley, Ed. Burieligh,

Wm. Lynch, J. Leyton, Wm. Klom, George Dindinger, Geo. Dunning and Hal McIntosh, G. E. Clary.

The next regular dance of the club will be on the 2d of December.

A surprise party was given last evening in honor of Miss Evelyn Flanagan. Games and dancing were the diversions. Evergreens were used effectively in the decorations. Refreshments were served at midnight. Among those present were: Miss Myrtle Lund, Miss Syneva Sorenson, Miss Myrtle Collins, Miss Mae Myren, Miss Evelyn Flanagan, Miss Janesina Hibbard, Frieda Holms, Evelyn Langworthy, Pearl Lund and Clifford Downes, Thomas Patterson, George Johnson, Sydney Clark, Allen Neols, Forsten Plesburg, George Flanagan, Dewey Stutsman, Walter Jensen, Chester Isaacson, Leslie Isaacson and Vivian Carlson.

AT THE CHURCHES

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Christian Science services will be held in the Masonic Temple Sunday at 11 a. m. Subject, "Soul and Body." A cordial invitation is extended to all.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Rev. Father DONNELLY. Mass will be celebrated in the Marshfield Catholic church at 10:30 Sunday morning and in North Bend at 8 o'clock, the Rev. Father Donnelly will celebrate. The Rev. Father Curley will celebrate mass at Gardiner Sunday.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. G. S. Clevinger, Pastor.

Preaching service 11 a. m. Topic, "Conscience the Voice of God in the Soul." Preaching service 7:30 p. m., topic, "The Disciples Commission." Special music morning and evening. Baptisms at evening service, Sunday School at 10 a. m. Young People's meeting at 6:30 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Subject of sermon: "No Man Careth for My Soul." Evening services 7:30 p. m. The evening sermon will be appropriate to Thanksgiving. The Bible School meets at 10:30 a. m. Junior C. E. at 4 p. m. Young Peoples meeting at 6:30 p. m.

UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICES

At the North Bend Presbyterian church on Thursday evening at 7:30 the Methodist Episcopal, United Brethren and Presbyterian churches will unite in a Thanksgiving service. The Rev. Walter Ross of the Methodist Episcopal church, will preach the sermon. Everybody is invited.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

Rev. H. I. Rutledge, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Junior League at 3 p. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Evening Service at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting and Bible Class on Thursday evening at 7:30. The Ladies Aid Society will meet at the parsonage on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

The Thanksgiving service will be in the Methodist church next Thursday. The service will be held at 10:30 a. m. Rev. G. S. Clevinger will preach the sermon.

Public meetings at the Salvation Army will be held as follows: Meeting on Saturday evening at 8 p. m., Sunday 11 a. m. Holiness meeting at 2:30 p. m. Sunday School and 8 p. m. regular Salvation meeting. Everybody is cordially invited. The Army Hall is on corner Third and Front streets. Officer in charge, Captain Wm. Darwent.

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