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Mayor Straw's Opportunity

THE RESIGNATIONS OF Messrs. F. A. Sacchi and H. Lockhart from the Marshfield city council Tuesday evening created no little surprise in municipal circles. Both gentlemen gave the same reasons for their action, namely, that their personal affairs required all their attention and they did not feel like making further sacrifice in public service.

This is a matter of grave importance to the municipality of Marshfield. Messrs. Sacchi and Lockhart are representatives business men of the city. If they find the duties of public service too onerous and the rewards too small, the same reasons may be advanced by every citizen. It suggests the question of how much a man owes his city in service of a public character.

There is but little doubt that while the reasons assigned are the chief causes for the action taken, there are other matters involved. The position of city councilman is at best a rather thankless task. In some respects it is similar to being editor of a paper devoted and dedicated to public service. There are plenty of bricks and few bouquets; much criticism and very little compliment. If a councilman does his duty faithfully, honestly and well, he is given to understand that it is only what is expected of him. If he makes an error of judgment, or if any act of his affects any other citizen adversely, he is criticised and condemned. If he is engaged in business he is made to feel the sting by some irate customer who withdraws his patronage as a result of his action. Whichever way he votes on some propositions he is bound to be criticised by the supporters of the other side. He is damned if he does and damned if he doesn't. He finds it impossible to please everyone and he grows weary of criticism when he is honestly trying to do the best he can.

Another irritating feature is that the average business man feels he is making sufficient sacrifice in devoting his time to the service without being subjected to the cussings and criticisms of every voter in the city with a grievance. Strangely enough, it is only the man with a grievance that is heard from. In discussing this phase of the situation Mr. Sacchi remarked that it was a trifle disheartening to a councilman trying his best to serve the city efficiently and well, that the business men who could by conferences and moral support assist in the work, remained away and only the kickers and knockers were heard from. While this had no influence on Mr. Sacchi's action he referred to it as one of the disagreeable features of public service.

The Times regrets the resignations of both these gentlemen from the board of city councilmen. Mr. Sacchi while only serving his first term has proven a power for good and his work has been of tremendous benefit to the city. This is acknowledged by those who opposed his election. He has given freely of his time and best efforts to adjust the many difficulties that beset the municipality and his efforts have proven singularly successful and advantageous to the entire city. It will be a vacancy difficult to fill. Mr. Lockhart is also a representative business man and is well qualified to serve as councilman. The Times has had occasion to criticize some of his acts but at no time has it believed or asserted that such actions were the result of any other than his honest convictions and best judgment. This paper credits Mr. Lockhart with the same honesty of purpose in doing his duty as he saw it as The Times possessed in speaking plainly when it differed with him. Honest differences of opinion should only result in reaching a more satisfactory solution of the problem under discussion and not in bitterness and strife.

The filling of the vacancies created by these resignations will devolve upon Mayor Straw. He can now name two more of his own lieutenants and this will be of advantage to him in gaining support of the council for the policies for which he stands. The Times has had occasion to criticize Mayor Straw for some of his public acts but it has never questioned his honesty in his desire to serve the city that honored him faithfully and well. In its capacity as a newspaper The Times believes it is not only its privilege but its duty to print the news of the doings of the city council and make such comment thereon as the circumstances may warrant. Mayor Straw has resented this at times as personal and The Times regrets his attitude for at no time has it been animated by other than the best motives to secure what is for the best interests of all the people of Marshfield. A public servant must expect and recognize that his official acts are proper subject of public discussion and comment. No man is infallible. "To err is human." The best that may be done is to recognize this fact and try and rectify errors. To persist in a plan or policy once inaugurated just as a matter of personal pride is unjust alike to the individual and those he is trying to serve. The Times has no feeling other than friendliness for Mayor Straw and his administration. It recognizes in the present occasion a splendid opportunity for the mayor to be of great assistance to the city and win laurels for himself. Let his appointments to these vacancies be representative business men with the ability and qualifications to serve the city and a willingness to secure harmony in the council halls.

The present situation in the municipal affairs of Marshfield requires strong and able men. There are surely two such men in the city who would be willing to make some personal sacrifices for the common good. Mayor Straw can strengthen himself and gain the gratitude of every citizen by finding these men and by unified and concerted action for the city's welfare make his administration one of redounding glory to himself and Marshfield.

The Times will rally to the support of such an administration unfettered by prejudice and unhampered by partisanship.

Now is the time for every citizen of this municipality to get together for the common good.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

Make up your mind to do something in this world and to be somebody. Never be content to sit still and hold your hands. No one likes a slug-gard. In the republic of the bees the drones are killed. There is no place in the hive for the bee that refuses to gather nectar. There is no place in the world for one who will not work, although there are many such in the world. Be busy ever. This is a busy world; nothing stands still in nature; nor should you. Idleness will ruin almost anyone. ALICE MAY DOUGLAS.

THE SILVER SHANNON.

In exile far beyond the sea I oft with fancy's eye Beheld the river's crystal tide go swiftly by; In memory's ear the thrush sings low; I hear the banshee's moan Down by the silvery Shannon fair, that flows through sweet Athlone.

In childhood's careless, happy time I dreamed the hours away. Nor thought that ever from its banks my wand'ring feet might stray; But freedom whispered to my heart beyond the sea I'm known, Far from the silvery Shannon fair that flows through sweet Athlone.

Mine eyes have viewed the waters glide by the shore of Rio Grande; I've watched the proud Columbia's tide roll o'er the golden sand; O'er Mississippi's bosom broad my task has oftentimes flown, Yet still I sigh for Shannon fair that flows through sweet Athlone.

O'er boundless plains of the Golden West I've wandered many a year, But ne'er forgot at morn and eve to breathe to heaven a prayer That once again the vista grand my boyhood days had known Might greet my eye by Shannon fair that flows through sweet Athlone.

Oh! river grand, in my own land, beyond the ocean blue, With swelling heart and tear-dimmed eyes an exile pines for you; Once more adown thy banks to stray would all life's ills atone; And sleep at last by Shannon fair that flows through sweet Athlone.

—Selected.

A woman who marries the second time should not be married in white.

A really busy Coos Bay man hasn't much time to brag about what he does.

Eating too much is far more likely to give you a headache than thinking too much.

When a man makes a failure of his life, he is pretty apt to blame every one but himself.

Preachers are so popular among women that it is a wonder they do not marry into richer families.

The friends good enough to defend you in your absence are rarely so good that they fail to tell you that you needed defense.

A father judges his son by what he has accomplished in the past; a mother by what she hopes he will accomplish in the future.

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