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Let Us Talk It Over

BOOST.

If your town needs boostin', boost 'er,
Don't hold back an' wait to see
If some other fellow's willin'.
Well, right in this country's free,
No one's got a mortgage on it,
It's just yours as much as his,
If your town is layin' on boosters,
You get in the boostin' line.

If you see some fellow tryin',
For to make some project go,
You can boost it up a trifle,
That's your cue to let him know
That you're not a goner, so knock it,
Just because it ain't your "about,"
But you're going to boost a little,
'Cause he's got "the best thing out."

If you know some fellow's failin',
Just forget 'em, 'cause you know
That same fellow's got some good points,
There's the ones you want to show:
"Can't your losses out on the waters,
They'll come back," is a saying's true,
Maybe they will come back bettered,
When some fellow boosts for you.

ANON.

ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME for the citizens of Marshfield, the city council, and the Civic League to drop their grievances and get together for the common good? The city in which we all live and in which we all have our quota of personal pride is suffering from lack of unity and a divisive strife that dissipates the efforts of all who are trying to forward the city's best interests.

Marshfield is not the personal property of Mayor Straw?

Marshfield is not the personal property of the Civic League?

Marshfield does not belong to the Dutch, the Irish or the Scandinavians?

All this talk about a "Mayor Straw man," a "Civic League man," an "administration man" or an "anti-administration man" should cease.

Marshfield belongs alike to every worthy citizen who makes his home within the city limits and contributes to its upbuilding by either his money or his muscle.

We are all alike interested in the city's progress and prosperity. It is idle talk to assume that anyone set of men are planning the destruction of the city or its disgrace and shame. What injures one should be the concern of all. Anything that benefits any individual resident of Marshfield in a material way helps every other resident, because in a community of this size our interests are so united and closely allied that we must of necessity share in each other's prosperity and adversity. If this is true, and it cannot be successfully denied, is it not the height of folly to spend our time in bickering that might be spent in boosting? Time that is spent in strife would be better spent in successfully solving the problems that are developing in this rapidly growing city.

With a thoroughly united citizenship back of every public movement and improvement there would be no such word as fail. Everything from an electric line to Roseburg to a steam line to Rose would be possible. Public improvements would go forward and the city's finances be quickly solved. Let us do it! Let us drop the critical mood long enough to view matters from a fair and an unprejudiced standpoint.

Mayor Straw has made some mistakes and The Times has criticized them fairly, honestly and openly. The Times has made mistakes and some of the criticisms of this paper have been biting hot by some of its critics. If I could only write editorials like Mayor Straw can talk at times, I would make Hearst's \$50,000 editor, Arthur Brisbane, look like a kindergarten kid writing Sunday school essays. These differences of opinion do not imply dishonesty on either side. It is only when bitterness creeps in that injury is inflicted.

Because The Times has criticized Mayor Straw it does not imply that his administration has been without good. While it is true that some public improvements have been the result of individual effort, Mayor Straw and the council are entitled to credit as well. They have done more than say "amen" to the many splendid strides taken by the city the last two years. Let us "give the devil his due." Let us be honest with each other. Let our efforts be for mutual advancement rather than individual retardment.

Mayor Straw's administration should cease to be a personal element. It should be a Marshfield administration, an administration for the welfare and well being of the city and every resident therein. Every man should feel a personal interest in it and lend it his support and encouragement. The Civic League should not regard all outside its membership as enemies of the city, rather should they confer in friendly fashion and make others see the error of their way. Let us gather bouquets by the roadside instead of brickbats. It is better to throw flowers at each other than railroads for while we may enjoy hitting the other fellow we must not forget that we will also have see for the bottle of arsenic on the shelf at home in the morning.

Now is the time to get together that Marshfield may take its proper place among the progressive and prosperous cities of the Pacific coast.

"There is so much bad in the best of us,
And so much good in the worst of us,
It hardly behooves any of us
To speak ill of the rest of us."
—Selected.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

GOOD EVENING.

Give me good work to do,
That I may forget myself and
find peace in doing it. Though
I am poor, send me to carry
some gift to those who are
poorer, some cheer to those
who are more lonely.

WHEN GRANDPA WAS A BOY.

No auto cars were whizzing by
When grandpa was a boy;
No aeroplanes sailed to the sky
When grandpa was a boy;
The people did not live in flats,
There were no merry widow hats
And babies were not joining frats
When grandpa was a boy.

They had no leg shows on the stage
When grandpa was a boy;
Bridge whist had not become the
rage

When grandpa was a boy,
They flashed no messages through
space.
The lady was not in disgrace
Who had a child around her place
When grandpa was a boy.

Waists were not buttoned down be-
hind

When grandpa was a boy;
No meat trust socked it to mankind
When grandpa was a boy;
Marshfield had no "Grandpa Joe"
To tell the "kid" things thus and so.
No franchise talks increased our woes
When grandpa was a boy.

There were no shocking suffragettes
When grandpa was a boy;
The ladies puffed no cigarettes
When grandpa was a boy;
When married women ran away
With married men they did not
claim
To be affiliates nor pay.
Therefore, to be absolved from blame
When grandpa was a boy.

Death may leave a shining mark,
but he certainly overlooks a whole
lot of easy ones.

So far as is known, there is never
an epidemic that carries off wolves,
foxes, English sparrows or other
pests.

"Lucky" Baldwin, who left \$150-
000,000 at his death, also left a
number of heirs who consider them-
selves lucky.

The Deaver man and woman who
fought at the funeral of their son
were evidently not in the mood to
bury their personal grievances.

Some one has discovered a new
religious sect whose creed forbids
its members to wear clothes. It is
to be hoped that the creed also for-
bids them to go on the stage.

"We often wonder," says the Los
Angeles Times, "which pays the
better—to be a charming liar or a
disagreeable truth-teller?" Well,
brother, why not try the latter for
a change and see how it works?"

"Everytown should have a 'rest
room' for women and children,"
says an Oregon exchange. The
Times disagrees. The only towns
needing "rest rooms" are the ones
that make people "tired."

Four George Washington auto-
graphs brought \$110 in London last
week. There are a lot of Coos Bay
people who would be willing to sell
110 of their autographs for \$4.00.
Some of them may be worth that
much in a century or two.

A man wanted a railroad ticket
and had only a two-dollar bill. It
required three dollars to get the
ticket. He took the two-dollar bill
to a pawn shop and pawned it for a
dollar and a half. On his way back
to the depot he met a friend to
whom he sold the pawn ticket for a
dollar and a half. That gave him
three dollars. Now who is out that
dollar?

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