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## LET US HAVE HARMONY

WE HAVE THE SACRED words of Holy Writ to sustain the statement that lack of unity and discord always result in destruction for does not the Good Book say that "a house divided against itself cannot stand."

Coos Bay never had greater need of this admonition than it has today. By their almost unanimous vote on the Port Commission proposition the people have proven that they can get together on public matters. Already they are beginning to reap the reward of this spirit of harmony and progress in words of praise and promise of aid in public improvements from the outside. It was an enthusiastic and helpful message that Coos Bay sent to the world on Monday of this week. It should not be nullified now by petty personal jealousies and bickerings over the appointments. The position of Port Commissioner is a public one which personalities should not be permitted to dominate or dictate. The Chambers of Commerce of Marshfield and North Bend have recommended five prominent and representative citizens for appointment by the governor. These public bodies were active in securing the passage of the Port Bill and doubtless felt they were warranted in this action. The men are all well qualified and worthy. Anyway the final selection is an arbitrary matter in the hands of Governor Benson. The Times preference would be that the commissioners be chosen by the ballot or if by appointment that the Governor be guided by the people's choice in the same manner. However, the only thing required is an honest conservative but progressive administration of the duties and any man or body of men who fall in any of these requirements will hear promptly and emphatically from the people.

Entirely apart from the personal element the Times believes in and endeavors to promote unity in all public propositions. Life is too short for strife. There is too much to be done and too little time in which to do it to fritter it away in petty personal bickerings when all our efforts should be directed to the broader and nobler purpose of the common good. There is uplift in unity and happiness in harmony, in communal as well as individual life. Let the same spirit of unity that dominated the election prevail in the work that is to be accomplished.

If there are better men for the position than those suggested by the Chambers of Commerce it is perfectly proper to go about trying to have them appointed, but let us settle our differences at home and then abide by the decision. It is not necessary to kick one man down in order to boost another. The Times understands there is a petition in circulation endorsing B. C. Bradbury for a place on the commission. That is perfectly proper. His friends are entitled to a hearing and a showing. That is one of the inherent rights of every American citizen. Patrick Hennessey is also mentioned by his friends for the place and there should be no denying any man an aspiration to an honorable position, but it should not be permitted to degenerate into a petty personal squabble for place and power. The Times understands that in each instance the men themselves do not aspire but their friends are urgent in the presentation of their claims.

Personal animosity should not be permitted. Let the contest be a friendly one. Let every man boost for his friends but there need not be any knocking on the other fellow.

There has never been a time when it was so necessary to show the world the real meaning of the Coos Bay spirit as there is just now. Harmony and unity should be our watchwords. By working together wonders may be accomplished while by dissipating our energies in personal differences we will fritter away our opportunity.

"A home divided against itself cannot stand" and a community given to personal quarrels cannot hope to occupy a place in the procession of progress and prosperity—and it doesn't deserve to.

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I have grown to believe that the one thing worth arriving at is simplicity of heart and life; that one's relations with others should be direct and not diplomatic; that power leaves a bitter taste in the mouth; that meanness and hardness, and coldness are the unforgivable sins; that conventionality is the mother of dreariness; that pleasure exists, not in virtue of material conditions, but in the joyful heart.—A. C. Benson.

PLAY YOH FIDDLE.

Look hrb, honey, dah's no sense in Yoh a pouehin' out yoh mouf, An' a lookin' woebegondish  
Kise de wind am in the souf; S'pose it does mean rainy wethah? Bress yoh, ehlie, dis roof don't leak;  
An' dahs mos' cawn meal an' bacon In de house, ter las' a week.

'Pephs to me dat yo's ongrateful. Dah's no 'casion ter complain. Bacon, cawn meal, sawgum 'lasses, What's de reason it kaint rain? Jis yoh git down yoh ole fiddle. Stop yoh growlin', hold yoh jaw, An' while mammy's bakin' cawn pone Yoh play "Turkey in de Straw."

Dat's right; ehune her up permiscus, New jis gib de ole thing fits. Bacon, cawn meal, sawgum 'lasses, (Sides all dat I'ee got two bits). We's mos' millionaires, sho, honey! An' it's weaked ter complain; 'Nuff ter eat an' plenty money, Play yoh fiddle; let it rain.

ALICE D. O. GREENWOOD.

A Western editor declares that "Harriman's wings should be clipped." Didn't know they had begun to sprout yet

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