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SOME REFLECTIONS.

I can not teach you to play the lute; but I can show you how to make of a small city a great one. —Themistocles of Athens.

THAT was a rather unusual communication which was printed in The Times Saturday entitled "Reflections of a Stranger."

It is sometimes a great advantage for an individual to be told a few honest and sincere truths concerning his short comings. It is equally advantageous for a community now and then to get a glimpse of itself from the view point of the man outside. Candor compels the admission that there were many, too many, alas! statements of fact in that "Stranger's" letter.

The truth is that there is not enough cohesion in the constructive spirit on Coos Bay. There are too many men who are jealous of the other fellow. Too many who hate to see the other man get ahead and make money. They are more disposed to obstruct than boost.

There is sufficient brains, ability, capacity and capital on Coos Bay to accomplish almost any purpose if it were solidly united in its efforts to achieve. We could secure our railway, improve our harbor, develop our resources and enjoy all the prosperity and pleasure that follow in the train of success if we would but once learn the force of concerted action.

Nowhere is there such an opportunity as is presented the people of this community. We are frittering it away in foolish factionalism when loyalty to the common purpose of progress and harmonizing of individual difference for the common good would make a city really great. We should learn a lesson from the Seattle Spirit, the Spokane action, the Portland pull, San Francisco's cohesion and the loyalty of Los Angeles. No city in the country has been so torn with apparent divisive strife as San Francisco during its recent graft prosecution. Yet when a question of public progress, like the Panama exposition develops, every individual difference is buried and Pat Calhoun and Spreckels stand shoulder to shoulder with outstretched hands to boost San Francisco forward. That's what Coos Bay needs and must have to accomplish the great achievements that are only awaiting the action of men big enough and broad enough to not permit petty personal prejudice and small selfish interest to harass and hamper the onward march of progress and development.

Little men never built a large city and large men who permit narrow views to circumscribe their activity are equally ineffective in their efforts. Let us learn the lesson that our own individual interests are best served by loyalty to the community and city in which we live. A spirit of harmony and helpfulness for every progressive movement will work wonders in the next year.

Read the "Reflections of a Stranger" in The Times of last Saturday and then resolve to reform.

WITH THE TOAST AND TEA

There was another important meeting in the Poets' Corner Saturday evening. In the absence of the President Jack Flanagan, who had a banquet engagement, R. O. Graves called the rhymesters to order. Tom Bennett arose and said he disliked to mention it but he heard an ugly rumor to the effect that Jack Flanagan did not write the poems to which his name was attached. Frank Parsons promptly arose and said he hoped it was not professional jealousy that prompted this fling at an absent brother. Mr. Parsons also said he wished to present a new name for consideration, Harry Winkler. The Quiet Observer said he desired to absolve Mr. Bennett from any reflections of professional jealousy as his verse was of a different school of poetry; besides he also heard the rumors concerning Flanagan's authorship and came prepared with a defense which he would read if there were no objections. As John Goss was also absent there were no remarks and the Quiet Observer presented the following:

Jack Flanagan—Poet. (Lines provoked by the question: "Does Jack Flanagan really write the poems that appear in The Times?")

Does he write his own stuff? What a question? Why, Jack is a scholarly boy. He pours without any suggestion The language you're sure to enjoy.

He's as fast as a ghost as a typist; He can rattle it off in a trice. His poems are truest and ripest And you don't have to prune 'em or slice.

His style is concise, clear and tippy. He smoothes it and puts it away. And the finicky gent reading copy Is hung up with nothing to say.

Why, Jack is a classical writer A poet both inside and out. His poems are heavy or light or Have no rhyme or reason about.

He also can sing like Caruso When he warbles he touches the heart; When he chants a chanson you do so Know you're in the presence of art.

In sooth, he's an all 'round performer. He "storms all the heights." (Dear me, suz! You've got to admit that's some stormer)— And writing's the best thing he does.

DEEP ENOUGH. Beauty, they say, is only skin deep. And doesn't penetrate far; But it's enough to get a girl a home And a hubby—and there you are. WILL EKBLAD.

CHARLIE WANTS TO KNOW, YOU KNOW. 'Tis the latest yet; It has just been uttered: "Have you ever met A barber who stuttered?" CHARLIE HUNTER.

TIME AN SPACE. I ate up two pencils. And got very hot; And all I could think of Was this tommyrot. GEO. E. DIX.

The so's device Of this bright bit. Is just to splice My name to it. HARRY WINKLER.

THE FEARSOME PHILOSOPHER. I know a little garden All set with columbine; But I shall never walk there Lest it should seem less fine.

A dainty ballad dreamed I. But will not sing to you; For if you were to hear it 'T would be no longer new. And there's a pretty maiden, I will not woo today; For if I were to win her Her charm might fade away. GEO. GOODRUM.

RUBBERED. In her hobble skirt she tripped Just as dainty as could be. And as down the street she skipped Everybody looked to see.

But I'm certain something ripped. Just as certain as can be. In her hobble skirt she tripped— Everybody looked to see. THAYER GRIMES.

Baseballically speaking Philadelphia is not so slow after all.

"AN INQUIRER" IS ANSWERED

CHAS. B. SELBY, CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND C. F. MCKNIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY IN REFERENCE TO JUDGE COKE'S CANDIDACY.

To the Editor of "The Times":

In your valuable paper of the 24th Inst., appears an article headed, "Judge's Coke's Candidacy," signed by an unknown (?) under the style and form, "An Inquirer," and earmarked "Paid by J. D. McNeil".

The author has been generous enough to state that "C. S. McKnight is also a democrat and he is laboring overtime in the Judge's vineyard," had he also added the name of Judge J. W. Hamilton, he would have bespoken the whole truth. So, here, let me plead guilty to the charge. And, here, let me announce to "An Inquirer" that whenever I feel that the judiciary is in jeopardy, he will find me using my best energies for the Man, regardless of his political belief.

Fortunately, in this case I am not called upon to denounce my political faith. Judge Hamilton is the democratic nominee. Judge Coke is the republican nominee and is endorsed by the democratic party—notwithstanding Mr. Upton's statement to the contrary. Can it be said that the democratic party is bound by any allegiance to Mr. Upton? True; not! He was asked by some of his democratic friends if he wanted the nomination on the democratic ticket. His answer was in the negative and he now appears and asks the suffrage of the people as an independent candidate. Has he not denounced his own party? May we inquire to whom he really does belong? Can it be that he has so far forgotten himself and the laws of country as to become a political poligamist and assumed the marriage rows appertaining to all political parties? Is the language of "Mike" Maloney "Let's talk it over."

This "unknown" author has seen fit to point out Judge Coke's unquestioned success as a lawyer; has admitted him to be a lawyer of unquestioned ability, and by innuendoes would draw in question his integrity. So, the only question to be determined by the voters is his integrity. Has this question not already been answered when at the primary election Judge Coke received the largest vote cast for any district nominee on the republican ticket in his own home county? And was it not more conclusively answered when the democratic party endorsed him?

Why, even this "unknown" author (who it would seem is ashamed of his name) says: "Against Judge Coke we have not the slightest prejudice; had he been content to remain a private citizen he would not have been the subject of any public criticism from us."

Would it not be well for each one of us to ask ourselves where we are to look for and select our representatives and officials? Are we to choose from the unknown and untried? Or are we going to select a man, whose past record as a private citizen and as a judge stands unimpeached and unquestioned?

Confessedly, his ability for the judgeship stands admitted and I now challenge the author, "An Inquirer" to name the facts upon which Judge Coke's integrity is in jeopardy. Lay aside these innuendoes, and fear not the truth, for the "Corrupt Practice Act" punishes no man who speaks the truth.

I might also suggest that the "unknown" (?) tell us wherein Judge Coke was responsible for C. R. Peck's appointment as attorney for the Port of Coos Bay. Also wherein he was responsible for Jno. D. Goss being appointed city attorney. The writer is ignorant of these pretended facts, and since Judge Coke is not here to answer the questions the person, would like to be enlightened.

Since the beginning of the campaign it has been the wish of Judge Coke and his many supporters and friends that personalities should not be indulged in. It is still his wish and it is still our wish, but if it must come to personal abuse, we will be called upon to bring forth the balance scales, and on the one side we will place the integrity and unquestioned ability of Judge Coke, both as a jurist and as a citizen, and on the other we will be compelled to place Mr. Upton and his record as Recorder of the City of Marshfield. We can only hope for the latter's sake that such an emergency will not exist.

From the "unknown?" it would appear that Judge Coke was responsible for me "lapping up a few straw crumbs that fall from the Port of Coos Bay's chuck wagon."

Such an insinuation is absolutely

false. The only debt due from myself to Judge Coke, or from Judge Coke to me, is the debt that every true friend owes another. It is that friendship that has caused me to write this communication. And it is that same friendship, coupled with his ability and integrity as a jurist and a citizen that has caused me to use my best and most earnest efforts to secure his election along with Judge Hamilton as judges for this judicial district.

C. F. MCKNIGHT.

STATEMENT BY CHAS. B. SELBY, Editor Coos Bay Times:

In yesterday's issue of your paper was an attack on Judge John S. Coke of this city who is a candidate for re-election as Circuit Judge. The Corrupt Practice act provides that every article of such a nature must be signed by some responsible person, and I would ask that hereafter you force people who desire to make attacks of this kind, to obey the law, and come out in the open, so we may all judge as to the motives of the article.

The article states that it is paid for by J. D. McNeil. Knowing as I do that Mr. McNeil makes his headquarters at Mr. Upton's office, and in fact has no other office, and knowing also that this article is inspired in the interest of a rival candidate, the irrefutable conclusion follows that Mr. Upton, also a candidate for Circuit Judge, is responsible for the article.

The article establishes beyond peradventure that Judge Coke was considered by the electors and litigants of this community as the leader of the local bar. His fitness and ability from a legal standpoint, is therefore conceded and admitted, and I would thank the writer of the article in question for his kindly assistance in that regard.

The balance of the article is only an attempt to stir up strife and jealousies by insinuation and innuendoes. But the voters of this county do not ask Judge Coke, whom they have always known, to defend himself against insinuations, reflections, and innuendoes. His life here has been an open book, he has nothing to conceal, and I expect that every voter of this county could give the writer of the attacking article some piece of information relative to Judge Coke which would recommend him to the favorable consideration of the voters. The recent primary election by its overwhelming verdict in favor of Judge Coke, is sufficient answer to covert attacks by rival candidates.

I am extremely sorry that Mr. Upton should at this particular time enter the Circuit Judgeship race. He and his friends know that he has no chance of election. The only possible result of his candidacy will be the taking from Judge Coke of a few of the votes that he would otherwise receive. I am sorry to see any man, whether friend or foe, permit himself, either knowingly or otherwise, to be used as a tool for the sole purpose of defeating one of our home candidates.

As Chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, it has been my aim to conduct a campaign without any personalities, or without digging up those things which, in the heat of a campaign, breed only enmity and discord. I also know that this is the idea of Judge Coke and his supporters. This line of campaign, I shall follow just so far as good politics may dictate, but if any candidate, in opposition to a Republican candidate wants to measure records and relate history, then we will start the ball to rolling, and warn Mr. Upton and his supporters that the report of Mr. Squires, expert accountant of the conduct of the City Recorder's office, while Mr. Upton was Recorder, will not be the only matter which will be thoroughly aired and published.

CHAS. B. SELBY,

Chairman of Coos County Republican Central Committee.

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