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#### AN IMPORTANT CASE.

**T**HE ACTION of Judge Coke in reinstating on the court calendar the case of P. A. Sandberg against M. E. Whitmore for slander is one that will commend itself to the people generally. American courts have fallen from their high estate in the public mind because of their never ending twisting and bending to technicalities and quibbles that in no way affect the vital features of the case at law. The Times is pleased to note a breaking away from this fetich of technicalities and quibbling by the administrators of justice and is glad that Judge Coke is aligned with the advanced thinkers.

Not long ago a lawyer sought to have an indictment quashed in Judge Frank Gorman's court in Cincinnati, Ohio, because of a merely technical defect, but the judge ruled against the motion and set forth his position in this manner:

"In this enlightened age of progress, the court and counsel must keep pace with the modern advancement of the science of law. It was ever intended as a shield to protect the innocent and a flaming sword to strike down the guilty.

"No quibbling or caviling should be tolerated by the court. The ancient practice of evading the toils of the law because the 's' were not crossed or the 't's' not dotted can have no place in practice that should be applied to a modern criminal trial. "Certainty, celerity and simplicity of practice and procedure should be the handmaids of the criminal trials, to the end that speedy justice should be meted out to all offenders, and that no guilty one shall escape nor any innocent one suffer."

This slander case of Sandberg against Whitmore is one in which the Coos county public in general, and Marshfield people in particular are deeply interested. P. A. Sandberg was a paid official of the City of Marshfield. Whitmore, it is alleged, charged him with demanding and accepting bribe money to pass on certain public improvements being made by Whitmore as a contractor. The reports were in general circulation. The people are entitled to know their truth or falsity. There should be no quibbling, no delay and no technicalities tolerated. There has been too much careless talking on Coos Bay; too many are willing to cast aspersions on a man's reputation and a woman's character as a matter of idle gossip.

The ordinary gossip is invariably a liar, and a common liar is the utter limit of social infliction without regard to anything else in the line of trouble. The male gossip, is, fortunately, rarer than his running mate the female gad and gabbler, but he is manifestly the worst when he wants to be on account of the coarseness of his work; the female slanderer retains a half-fear of consequences and does her share of the character-blasting stunt in secrecy and with subtle maneuvering wholly in unison with her nature; and to aid her campaign she makes no confidants outside her own sex save within her own family; the art of gossiping safely is a very fine and if a shred of credit fell in that direction it would get it, but, addicted as human nature is to the indulgence, mildly, or inveterately, the custom, have never achieved anything but universal contempt. Your true gossip will stoop to anything that may yield food for speculative,

idle and hurtful talk about others, even to the opening of private letters and the ransacking of personal garments; nothing is sacred from the lying pry who is after the good name and peace of someone else; it is a species of insanity and certainly an aberration, and owes its only protection to the social commonness of the evil and its universal habit in greater or lesser degree; indeed it takes a strong nature to resist the lure of an offensive secret touching the life and honor of another and only the shield of the law which has been justly and righteously invoked in this case may effectually repel its insinuating lie and liar.

#### HOW ABOUT IT MARSHAL CARTER?

**P**ORTLAND'S chief of police has issued strict orders for the enforcing of the curfew laws and further breaking up of the "street mashers" nuisance. This is decidedly the right step in the right direction. And, by the way, what has become of Marshfield's curfew laws? Has it been repealed or is it being observed in the breach?

According to some stories that are being told there is abundant demand either for a re-enactment of the ordinance or its more rigid enforcement.

Boys and girls of tender years on the streets at all hours of the night are not conducive to good citizenship in the coming generation or happy homes in this.

It is useless to say that this is something for parents themselves to regulate. The fact is that it is not done and society must enact and enforce laws for its own protection and betterment.

We should begin with the boys and girls.

#### THE ODD FELLOWS.

**T**HE recent celebration at North Bend by Coos county Odd Fellows of the 92nd anniversary of the founding of the order in America calls attention to this popular and excellent fraternal society. Today there are Odd Fellows everywhere. Established at the Globe tavern, London, in 1748, the independent order has spread to America, Germany, Italy, Chile, Peru, Cuba, Japan, Denmark, Holland, until the emblem of the three links may truly be said to encircle the world.

The outgrowth of the English Workingman's Beneficial societies, the spirit of the order has grown and flourished in the United States as nowhere else, and the fact reflects credit upon the country as well as upon the order that an organization based upon such worthy aims should have made such a conspicuous success.

Beneath the exalted trilogy of friendship, love and truth, which stands as the order's emblem, much practical and unassuming benevolence has been done. Distress has been relieved, suffering has been lessened. The organization certainly has reason to congratulate itself that for 92 years in the United States the fundamental principles of the order have been so well sustained and nowhere better than in Coos county.

#### THE SOMETIMES MALIGNED.

**S**OME people have no faith in real estate men. Why the real estate agent should be charged with dishonesty any more than those engaged in other lines of business, the writer does not know. The writer believes, however, that he who taboos all real estate men is in error, to put it mildly.

There is no question that there are dishonest men engaged in that business. Some men are crooks naturally, it would seem, and whether engaged in real estate, law or medicine the crookedness will come out. Men are not bad because of the business they are in unless it is the burglary business, but because they themselves were bad before they went into the business.

Those who have no use for real estate men are in a class with those who consider all mining propositions to be fakes, all doctors to be quacks, all lawyers liars, and that no minister believes what he preaches. No doubt there are crooked men engaged in all lines of work, but why judge the entire class, or the general run of that class, by a few? It is true that men have lost money in mines, but many mining propositions in which men have lost money were legitimate from the ground up, and the loss came in some cases in error of conscientious judgment by promoters, or an erroneous conception of the matter by outsiders which prevented the proposition from getting the backing it had to have to make it a success. Not all are wild-cat schemes. Many fortunes have been

made by investors who have acted upon the advice of real estate men, while some have been lost, and many lives have been saved by taking the doctor's prescription, while some have not been saved.

No thoughtful man will discriminate against an entire class because of some striking failures.

The writer believes that the respectable real estate man is as respectable as the respectable dry goods man and that there are men of magnificent character, beneficent in disposition, generous at heart and straight-in-all their acts who are dealing in dirt, and in connection with whose business there is no dirty dealing.

It is desirous that the right kind of men engage in the business and he who speaks disparagingly of real estate men erects a barrier between that business and many of the noble youth of the land. Real estate men have been the means, to a vast extent, of bringing up communities, any many are being of great service to their day and generation by engaging in the business. An honest real estate man is as honest as an honest minister of the gospel. But it is the dishonest dealer of this class who does the mischief. He cares naught for the buyer or for the welfare of the community. It is this human hog who is responsible to some extent for the opprobrium cast upon the real estate business. The real estate liar and deceiver is an undesirable citizen, as is the fake doctor or the shyster lawyer or the hypocritical minister.

To the haste to invest in real estate on the part of the "hope to get rich quick" buyer is to be charged much of the blame for the odium which rests upon the real estate man in some quarters. Without due consideration risks have been taken, the gambling spirit has prevailed and consequent losses resulting, the howl has gone out against "the real estate sharper."

A real estate broker recently showed some property to a religiously inclined prospect who upon looking at the lots remarked that he "would have to talk with the Lord about it before deciding." The agent remarked, disappointedly, as he rubbed his nose, "In that case I guess the deal is off." It is suggestive of the need on the part of real estate men of manifesting a thorough willingness to have the deal thoroughly considered by the prospective buyer, and not because he cannot help himself, but because he wishes it. If his business is to have the estimate due it.

In buying real estate it is better to use one's own judgment, but if the buyer has an intelligent confidence in the seller, the latter's word should have some weight, but only when the confidence is intelligent. A safe plan in buying real estate is to believe in yourself, believe in the proposition, and believe in your agent, and if you are weak on any of these, better, perhaps, get out of the market.

Is the climate of the country changing? It snowed in Vicksburg, Miss., on Wednesday for the first time in the history of the world, and the worst that Coos Bay has suffered this spring is a frost which did little if any serious harm. They say that in prehistoric times the hippo wallowed in the Hudson river, and polar bears sported about the Amazon. At any rate all the good climate seems to be coming this way and the bad climate going somewhere else.

#### LAFFERTY HAS PLAN.

**Rather Than Forest Reserves Would Have Railroad Keep Property.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.—"Should the Supreme Court declare forfeiture in the Oregon & California Railroad land case, and hold that the lands revert to the government, I will introduce a bill providing for their sale to settlers," said Representative Lafferty. "The people of Oregon do not want this land to revert to the government; they want it sold to settlers."

"There is a strong probability that, should the land be declared forfeited, the Forest Service would make a strong fight to have it incorporated into a forest reserve. Such a move would be resisted and, in my opinion, the people of Oregon would prefer to have this area remain in the hands of the railroad rather than incorporated within forest reserves, where it would pay no taxes to the state and remain unproductive. We want the land sold, so that it may be improved, and contribute its share toward taxation."

Lafferty has discussed this matter with members of the public lands committee, and has been assured of favorable consideration in case legislation becomes necessary.

### North Bend News

Tom Hall went to Coquille this morning on business.

Mrs. Lawrence Lillebo was visiting friends here yesterday.

C. F. McKnight left this afternoon for Coquille on business.

L. R. Tower expects to leave tomorrow for Portland on business.

Chas. Bruner of Ten Mile was in Marshfield today en route to Coquille.

Mrs. E. T. Wagner and children will leave soon to make their home in Portland.

Mayor L. J. Simpson, who has been attending to business in Coquille, returned yesterday.

Mrs. Eckhoff and daughters expect to leave tomorrow for Portland and other northern points.

Miss Pearl Riggs expects to leave tomorrow for Idaho to visit her brother who is located there.

Miss Florence Ruth, who has been visiting friends here, returned to her home in North Inlet yesterday.

The schooner Daisy Freeman, which finished taking on her cargo, sailed yesterday for Redondo, Cal.

Mrs. Sanford, who has been visiting at the home of Mrs. John Freeman, has returned to her home at North Inlet.

#### ADVERTISED LIST.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Marshfield, Oregon Post office, May 1, 1911. Persons calling for the same will please say advertised and pay one cent for each advertised letter called for.

Otto Anderson, A. H. Brown, Mrs. Barrett, John Brunetto, Jas. Baines, Tom Benzattis, J. A. Borgdan, L. A. Bunch, Henry Carlson, Tom Cottis, A. G. Curtis, Clarence Cunningham, Mrs. Amelia Dodge, Walter Dugan, E. Ellis, Alex Evans, Wm. Gall, W. E. Garrett, Edward Gillespie, C. E. Hammon, T. Holland, Mrs. Thos. Holland, R. T. Hutching, Mrs. Inez Jansen, Joe Jones, Aml Johnson, Mrs. F. P. Johnson, Jan Kapnak, Mrs. Emma J. Ketting, Andy Kelley, Frank McLaughlin, Hugh McNall, Chas. Micel, Onni Matson, Billy Morrow, L. Olsen, Robert Parks, J. S. Shuck, A. W. Sanderlin, C. F. Stout, P. D. Sheehan, L. Taussig, Chancy Umphry, F. Walky, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Witzel, Chas. Woodworth, Edward Th. Ziska, Graham Youngman.  
W. B. CURTIS, Postmaster.

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#### FOLLOW THE BAND TO BANDON, Sunday, MAY 7.

#### FOR FIRE PROTECTION.

Bandon Arranges For Big Main In Business Section. The Bandon Recorder says: "At a special meeting of the city council last night it was decided to put in a six inch main to be attached to the pump of the Geo. W. Moore Lumber Co. and to extend the full length of First St. for fire protection in the business district, and the fire committee was instructed to take immediate steps toward providing means for the same. "The council also ordered all hydrants on the hill that had been taken out to be replaced."

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