

### COOS BAYTIMES

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#### "DIVISIVE STRIFE."

IT IS well in these days of strenuous discussion to recognize how easy it is to fall into "divisive strife."

There is wide difference between criticism which looks to improvement and mere detraction.

No man can object to the severest criticism when the facts show that it is warranted, or even when a reasonable difference of opinion exists as to the situation.

The Times has determinedly kept out of personalities in this campaign. It is fighting for a principle and not for an individual. It is not opposing Dr. Straw on any grounds other than his favoring private ownership of the city waterworks. It is not opposing any deals in high finance by J. W. Bennett and Claude Nasburg except on the broad basis of general communal good.

I think the people of Marshfield have been the goat long enough. If Mr. Bennett and Mr. Nasburg can go to Omaha and get a man or a corporation to pay them \$150,000 or \$250,000 for the Coos Bay Water Company, well and good. In fact there is so much local pride in me that I would rejoice in their good fortune. In fact I am not such a high moralist that I would take my friend Joe to task for having unloaded a white elephant or should I say a white microbe on the unsuspecting. But when J. W. Bennett through Mayor Straw seeks to make the people of Marshfield stand good for the deal to the tune of a fifty years franchise at double rates, then I rebel.

Let the things be criticised that deserve critising, but let nobody load a blunderbuss and go to shooting indiscriminately into the ranks of his fellow citizens just because he has a different opinion.

As I said in the beginning, there is a difference between criticism that is constructive and mere detraction.

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## GIVES VIEWS ON ELECTION

Editor Luse of the Sun writes of the Marshfield political situation as follows in this week's issue of his paper:

"Distinguished for his firmness on issues before the people and an unflinching stand-patter for his own ideas, the record for once in Mayor Straw's political career will show that he 'backed up.' Mayor Straw is opposed to municipal ownership, but when R. A. Copple grabbed the thundering issue—the municipal ownership of a water system—our astute mayor had to 'back up.' Mayor Straw is now in favor of submitting the question to the people. This was what some tax-payers were given to understand on the street railway franchise. The tax-payers got it where the chicken got the axe.

Mayor Straw also makes the interesting explanation in his letters to the voters that his activities on the fifty-year water franchise was only to secure data on the available water supplies. Now, we are free to confess, that the letter is a revelation, as everything indicated that Mayor Straw was getting ready to start his steam roller on the water franchise, and the belief was formed on information from close to the throne.

"Copple has scored on the water question. John C. Merchant should be a favorite in the going for councilman. He is in the prime of life, active, vigorous, progressive, and endowed with the sagacity of his father that built up the Merchant estate which he has so ably managed. John C. Merchant is ready to give the city of his birth the best services that is in him.

The Sun is for R. A. Copple for mayor. In him we find the best material for the office; a man who is eminently qualified for the position, and one who will give us all a square deal and see that the taxpayers get a run for their money. A vote for Copple will be a vote for the right man.

"Mayor Straw has invariably ran for office at the 'urgent' request of his friends." His friends are the Big Interests.

Thomas Coke, who desires to succeed himself as councilman, is certainly the political monstrosity of the age. He went into office eussing Mayor Straw's policies up one side and down the other. Today he is hand and glove with the Straw machine, to whom he is indebted for his nomination. Coke should be retired to private life and allowed to give his entire services to the Terminal Railroad Company, for whom he is now working at fancy wages."

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