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## The Slanderer and Gossiper

There is something puerile and contemptible in the man who in life's game, however, it may run, resorts to scandal as his weapon and slander and blackmail as his further aids. When such a cur, for man too noble a name to stultify it by designating a moral pervert with the title, when such a cur makes a woman the victim of his hideous and coarse assaults, it is high time that decent people had the measure of his morals, or lack of morals, and his meanness.

Every city and community has its share of idle, eternal and dangerous gossip that is bad enough, but when a cur barks his bitterness abroad it may not be amiss to deal with the evil in a fair and frank fashion for the communal good. Today it is one individual, tomorrow another that is to be traduced and a fair name dragged through the foul falsehoods of baseless slander by one who wantonly and wittingly besmirches and beheads those whom he cannot corrupt or control.

The common tattler is a scourge and everyone of them finds his or her impulse to talk in the fact that they, or theirs, are peculiarly susceptible to adverse comment when comment is necessary, and the first urge to scandal is that same vulnerability; therefore gossip, the godmother of slander, finds her genesis in an ugly and indefensible predicate and with such start is always mean and contemptible. The sneaking cur who uses the falsehoods of a sneaking, lying, spying girl as the basis of his slander is beyond the charity of men.

It has been said that women are worse than men in dissemination of evil talk and the passing on of the vicious lie. We take issue with this conclusion and broad experience with tale-bearers proves that men are not only as free with their slander but often bolder in their work. They leave innuendo to the women and use the harsher statement and crueler lie with a braggadocio women never dare employ. The quality of male gossip is plainer, more direct and more arrogant because the cur in the corner fights, while women, more retiring and sensitive to the open rupture or attack, take refuge in the disguise and secrecy of ambiguity, of veiled hinting and facile double-dealing which may not be easily fastened upon them or which may be negated by the plea that something else was meant.

But, however, the weight of indulgence may lie, the mean and slavish spirit thrives, without apparent let or hindrance. The real "practitioner," the cur to whom it is as "meat and bread" keeps the social air of the community alive with keen, killing, cruel shafts, which flash and glare to exposure, suffering and attempted dishonor of homes, families and the civic state generally. It is the lowest of all human weaknesses and wickedness and far and away the most insidious and ruinous and against which society is the most defenceless.

There is always the one dependable refuge against the slanderous lie, however, the fact that it is always false, either in term or predicate and surcharged with gathered atoms of gross misstatement and gratuitous addenda adhering to it in its flight from one vicious tongue to the other, and always amenable to a sloughing which leaves it, upon honest analysis, a mere bagatelle unworthy the notice of decent people, who give it the interest justifying such analysis.

Philosophizing, preaching, schooling, experience, loss, bitter test, reaction, disgrace, nothing effects the slanderer and the gossipier. He and she go on now just as they did in the earlier civilization and will ceaseless fester and fulminate for a long time to come. It is part and parcel of the meaner nature and must find expression. It maybe well to remember, those of us who have confidence at least, that every time we recognize the known slanderer or gossipier, either in a business or social way, we are stabbing a friend or an innocent victim unknown to us squarely in the back, by lending comfort to a cur and his female accomplice in doing an irreparable injury to another.

No man or woman, even the most exalted types, splendidly paramount of American virtue and honor, are safe from the venomous fangs of the slanderer. There is nothing too hideous, too coarse, too bitter or too scabious fester and fulminate for a long time to come. It is part and parcel of the meaner nature and must find expression. It maybe well to remember, those of us who have confidence at least, that every time we recognize the known slanderer or gossipier, either in a business or social way, we are stabbing a friend or an innocent victim unknown to us squarely in the back, by lending comfort to a cur and his female accomplice in doing an irreparable injury to another.

Friendships once as firm as granite, have been dissolved to jelly and they can away to water only because of slander and gossip. A father and son or brother have been set foot to foot with the fiery breath of an anger that would never cool again between them. A husband and wife, each straining at the hated leash which in the beginning had been the promise of a God-blessed life, have sat mourning by the side of the grave where all their love and all their joy lay buried, and all because of gossip and slander.

Faith has been transformed to mean doubt; joy given place to mean despair and charity itself taken on the features of black malevolence, all because of the venomous words of the gossipier and slanderer.

Great crimes work great wrongs and the deeper tragedies of human life spring from the larger passions, but woeful and most mournful are the uncatalogued tragedies that issue from gossip and slander. Most mournful the shipwreck often made of noble natures and lovely lives by the bitter winds and slimy waters of slander. So easy to say yet so difficult to disprove or often to discover whom the real culprit may be; showing on the innocent all the strain of demonstrating their innocence and punishing them as guilty if unable to pluck out the strings they never see, and to silence words they never hear until too late to avert the injury.

Slander is the deadliest and cruellest weapon ever forged. It is the weapon of the human cur who is the quintessence of brutish cowardice and whose crime is more unforgivable than murder.

## JAMES BRYCE IS TO RETIRE

Will Soon Resign as British Ambassador to the United States

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—The voluntary retirement of Ambassador James Bryce of Great Britain is expected to be formally announced today or tomorrow. It is believed to mark the abandonment of any purpose on the part of the United States to secure a consummation of the pending general arbitration treaty with Great Britain. Sir Cecil Arthur Spring Rice, who will likely succeed Bryce has long been distinguished in service in the diplomatic field, as well as remembered here for long service in the British embassy during the days of Lord Pauncefote.

The British ambassador to the United States will remain in Washington until pending negotiations are cleared up. These include, it is understood, the question of the Panama Canal.

### ALONG THE WATERFRONT

The steamer Washington, which was tied up at North Bend on account of a leak, got out over the bar safely. She will on the dry dock at Portland for repairs.

The Portland Journal says: "In a wireless message to the local hydrographic office, via North Bend, the master of the Nann Smith reports that on November 8 at 8 p. m., the gas buoy off Fox Rock, or Ford Reef, was not burning. The matter has also been reported to the lighthouse department. The buoy in question is one of the new mammoth acetylene gas buoys recently installed, and is charged to burn for six months.

The Redondo was due in San Francisco today, but the local office had not been advised this afternoon whether she had reached there. Both she and the Nann Smith were greatly delayed by the storm Saturday following the delay in the lower Bay.

## RAINFALL IS HEAVY ONE

Inch and One-Half of Water Falls in Twenty-Four Hours.

The rain Saturday night was a particularly heavy one. Some of the old timers say that it was one of the worst rain storms they ever saw on Coos Bay. The water came down simply in torrents and for several hours the rain was so heavy it was difficult to get about. From Saturday morning until Sunday morning 1.49 inches of rain fell. The total rainfall since September 1 has been 16.23 inches, which is far above normal. Up to this time last year the total was 8.95 inches.

The heavy rains have made the roads almost impassable. There was a bad storm on the ocean off Coos Bay but no accidents at sea were reported.

**Heavy on North Inlet.**  
R. A. Church of North Inlet was a business visitor in Marshfield today. Mr. Church says that on Saturday night more rain fell in a few hours than he ever knew to fall in a similar length of time during his residence in Coos county.

## SPIRITUALISTS FINED \$10 EACH

Prof. Johnstone Threatens to Sue City for Defaming His Character.

John A. Johnstone and wife, the spiritualists who were tried before City Recorder Butler Saturday for violating a city ordinance, were fined \$10 apiece by City Recorder Butler today. They paid the fines.

Prof. Johnstone was highly indignant and before leaving the recorder's court, he announced that he would sue the city for defamation of his wife's character. Acting City Attorney Kendall was unable to ascertain on what grounds Johnstone proposed to sue.

City Recorder Butler admonished the couple against holding any further seances in the city of Marshfield. They held a seance in Eastside last night but this is outside the jurisdiction of the Marshfield city authorities.

Nothing further has developed concerning the expose of last Friday night's seance at Addison Cook's house.

### MANY ATTEND CONCERT.

Large Crowd Listens to Program Rendered by Band Sunday.

The band concert by the Coos Bay Concert Band at the Masonic Opera House yesterday afternoon drew one of the largest audiences that has ever attended a concert here. Manager Fred Wilson of the band estimates that over 600 were in attendance.

The rendition of the various numbers under the direction of Director Fenton was excellent and all were loudly applauded.

Times' Want Ads bring results.

## SIMPSON CO. MAKES OFFER

Will Give Right of Way Through Land for Boulevard Purposes.

The Simpson Lumber Company, through L. J. Simpson, has made a formal offer of right of way through the Simpson property near South Slough for the boulevard from Marshfield to the sea, which Mayor Straw has for some time past been promoting. The following letter explains itself:  
DR. E. E. STRAW, Mayor, Marshfield, Ore.

Dear Sir:  
In compliance with the promise made you some time ago we herewith beg to submit to the City of Marshfield the following offer:

If they will construct a boulevard from the city of Marshfield to a spot at or near the South Slough bridge, connecting with the present county road leading from Empire to Big Creek, we will donate free of all charge to the city of Marshfield, a strip of land 300 feet wide for right of way purposes for this road through our property, situated at or near the South Slough bridge and known more particularly as the Tarheel Point property. It being understood that this right of way is to run in an easterly and westerly direction.

This offer is made with the understanding that it shall be accepted within a reasonable length of time, and we shall expect either an acceptance or rejection of the same on or before the expiration of six months from the date hereof.

Wishing you all success in your undertaking, we are,

Yours truly,  
SIMPSON LUMBER CO.,  
L. J. Simpson.

## F. E. LEEFE IS TO LEAVE

F. E. Leefe, the government engineer, who has been in charge of the harbor improvement work in Coos county harbors for the past two years, received word today to report at Siuslaw river at once.

Mr. Leefe had his order to go there some weeks ago, but expected that he would have a short vacation and had not expected to leave for Siuslaw before December 1. The new orders, however, change his plans and he is preparing to leave in a few days.


Mr. Leefe expressed regret that his duties make it necessary for him to leave here and the Coos Bay people regret that he is to go. During his stay in Marshfield Mr. and Mrs. Leefe have made many friends socially who will miss the engineer and his wife from their circles.

**WILSON LEADS IN IDAHO.**  
BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 11.—Wilson is leading in the presidential returns, two small counties missing, and he is expected to have a plurality of nearly 1000 over Taft.

**STEAMER FIFIELD will leave Bandon for San Francisco about Wednesday, Nov. 13.** Reservation can be had at Abstract Office.

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CONDENSED STATEMENT

### Of The First National Bank of Coos Bay

At the close of business, September 4, 1912.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$305,414.12
Overdrafts	182.12
Bonds, warrants and securities	63,689.00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	80,000.00
Cash and sight exchange	149,208.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$623,493.91</b>
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits	11,413.78
Circulation, outstanding	24,000.00
Deposits	488,080.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$623,493.91</b>

In addition to Capital Stock the individual liability of Stockholders is \$100,000.00.

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"'G' stands for 'git out of the way,' and 'S' means 'spare the rod and spoil the child'; that's what it's goin' to be."

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

### of FLANAGAN & BENNETT BANK

MARSHFIELD, OREGON.

At the close of business, September 4, 1912.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$455,211.87
Banking house	50,000.00
Cash and exchanges	307,835.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$813,047.32</b>
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits	59,552.67
Deposits	703,494.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$813,047.32</b>

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