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MR. GILLETTE AND THE RECORDERSHIP.

The questions propounded to the city recorder were intended to call attention to certain of the important things he has neglected to do, some of which, at least, are clearly required by the city charter; and to give him an opportunity to explain, if a reasonable explanation was possible.

An officer who KNOWINGLY disregards the city charter should not be qualified for re-election.

The Tidings did not expect a denial by Mr. Gillette as to the facts suggested by the four questions, particularly as to the disposition of all of the fines received by him as municipal judge, for there are no grounds for a denial, except, only, ignorance of the law. Therefore, when Mr. Gillette makes a positive, broad denial in connection with money collected for violations of city ordinances, that he has not kept one dollar of the fines so collected, he raises the issue as to what the facts are, or else as to his good faith in the reply which he has published.

The failure to prepare the city's annual report early each year, as the charter requires, the recorder lays upon the council. The Tidings admits the city council is to be justly criticised in not having taken more definite and drastic steps to force the issuing of the report. Mr. Gillette's reply, while disingenuous, induces the Tidings to divide between the council and recorder the responsibility for this inexcusable failure to carry out the will of the people, as clearly expressed in their charter.

The fourth question now involves both the qualification and motive of the recorder in the preparation of the financial statement of the city, which is the basis for selling the auxiliary water bonds. The first financial statement sent out by the recorder was not correct, was misleading, and was the cause of many bond brokers refusing to even consider the making of a bid, and at a time when they were buying bonds, and had written for information as to this issue of bonds.

Mr. Gillette prepared a second statement, when the defects in the first were discovered, and certified to its accuracy, which statement now stands unchallenged. It proves his first schedule of indebtedness of the city to have been both incorrect and misleading.

In this matter Mr. Gillette's shortcoming, to use a mild word, establishes his unfitness for re-election, in the opinion of the Tidings.

The second and third questions rest entirely upon the two charter provisions published in the Tidings' last issue, from which there is no escape for Mr. Gillette.

Article IX, Section 5, clearly states the recorder SHALL QUALIFY as justice of the peace. The Tidings understands he attempted but once to exercise functions of a justice of the peace and at the very beginning of his term, when he convicted and

fined the defendant. Later, we understand, it was proven Mr. Gillette had not qualified as a justice, and the fine was returned. Mr. Gillette has refused to qualify as justice and has not been a justice of the peace, even though the charter states he SHALL QUALIFY.

A justice of the peace tries violations of state laws, but as such cannot take up violations of city ordinances.

The recorder, as municipal judge, tries those brought before him for violation of city ordinances, but as such judge cannot try cases involving the violation of state laws.

The charter provides ALL FINES collected by the municipal judge shall be turned over to the city treasurer, and makes no provision for fees; but it provides that he is entitled to the fees allowed by the state, while acting as justice of the peace. Mr. Gillette states, "I have turned over to the treasurer of the city of Ashland every dollar that has been collected in fines, KEEPING only that allowed in fees, as set forth in the Oregon statutes for a justice * * *." The salary of the recorder covers ALL his services for the city, including his judicial acts as municipal judge, and all money collected for violation of city ordinances belongs to the city—none of it to the recorder. When acting upon county or state matters, as justice of the peace, for which no salary is paid, the recorder is entitled to the fees allowed by the state statutes.

HE IS NOT NOR HAS HE BEEN A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. THE STATE STATUTES HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH FINES COLLECTED FOR VIOLATIONS OF CITY ORDINANCES, THE CHARTER BEING SUPREME AS TO SUCH.

Does Mr. Gillette know these simple facts? The minimum FINE for the violation of a city ordinance is \$5.00. Mr. Gillette collected the \$5.00 and turned over to the city \$2.50, keeping the balance contrary to the charter (Article IX, Section 5).

Mr. Gillette goes farther and inquires, "Why do you not proceed to collect under my bond?" While the Tidings had not intended to so suggest or advise, now that Mr. Gillette has raised the issue, it will express its opinion that the city could secure judgment against Mr. Gillette for every dollar of fines he has collected from violators of city ordinances and has failed to turn over to it, if the city council should take steps to so do.

If Mr. Gillette has kept approximately one-half of the fines collected, through a misunderstanding of the law, by far the best thing for him to do is to frankly admit the fact, and at once. Every man is subject to mistakes, through ignorance or otherwise, but it is a wise man who acknowledges his error.

The voters themselves, however, have the determining whether an official who continues to violate the charter provisions, whether knowingly or through ignorance, shall be re-elected to office.

MORE THAN AN ACCOUNTANT NEEDED.

The controversy that has arisen over conditions of the city recorder's records and the conduct of the office forcibly brings to mind the contrast as to such. Shall it be a clerical position, purely, as it has been of late, or administrative and judicial, as contemplated by the charter?

Without regard to present candidates, the Tidings believes the office of recorder should have at its head more than a bookkeeper, more than an accountant—a broad, all-around business man to handle this, the city's main office. Any private corporation with three million dollars of property, and handling over \$40,000 actual cash annually, would secure an experienced man, if possible, to look after its interests.

Why should not city officials be chosen because of known qualifications, rather than for purely personal or social reasons?

To make taxes low, make Ashland grow.

The Home Circle

Thoughts from the Editorial Pen

The Mothers in Sickness.

We think the most pathetic passage in the Bible is the description of the lad who went out to the harvest field of Shunen and got sunstruck—throwing his hand on his temples and crying out, "Oh, my head, my head!" and then said, "Carry me to my mother." And then the record is: "He sat on her knees till noon and then died." It is an awful thing to be ill away from home in a strange hotel, once in a while men coming to look at you, holding their hands over their mouth for fear that they will catch the contagion. How roughly they turn you in bed! How loudly they talk! How you long for the ministries of home! We knew one such who went away from one of the brightest of homes for several weeks' business absence at the west. A telegram came at midnight that he was on his death bed, far away from home. By express train the wife and daughter went westward, but they went too late. He feared not to die, but he was in agony to live until his family got there. He tried to bribe the doctor to make him live a little while longer. He said, "I am willing to die, but not alone." But the pulse fluttered, the eyes closed and the heart stopped. The express train met in the midnight—wife and daughters going westward—lifeless remains of husband and father coming eastward. Oh, it was a sad, pitiful, overwhelming spectacle. When we are sick we want to be sick at home. When the time comes for us to die we want to die at home. The room may be humble and the faces that look into ours may be very plain, but who cares for that? Loving hands to bathe the temples. Loving voices to speak good cheer. Loving lips to read the comforting promises of Jesus.

Do you treat your child with as much respect as you treat your friends? Example is stronger than precept, and if you treat him with respect he will respect himself. Do you provide amusements for your children at home? If not, they will seek them elsewhere. Provide them with good literature, but be careful not to place within their reach the life history of an outlaw. Help your children with their games and their studies; be kind yet firm, and though your home has been a rude log cabin, the children will not stray from the place where love dwells. "Home's not merely four square walls, Though hung with pictures nicely gilded; Home is where affection calls, Filled with the shrines the heart has builded."

Parents should remember that every distressing, blood-curdling story told to a young child, every superstitious fear instilled into his young life, the mental attitude they bear towards him, the whole treatment they accord him, are making phonographic records in his nature which will be reproduced with scientific exactness in his future life.

A true husband will receive his wife into the most confiding partnership. Woman is neither superior nor inferior to man. She is only different. A man may have a professional secret from his wife, but never a personal secret. It is well to confide to wives business matters. Woman has an instinct at times superior to man's reason.

BE A BOOSTER.

Be a booster if you can, Booster of your fellow man; Boost your county, boost your state, Boost your town, at any rate. Boost it as a place to live, Boost it—ev'ry boost you give Makes the town a better town— Boost it up, don't knock it down. Be a booster—for you can; Boosting is the better plan. Boosters always win acclaim. Boost the knockers to their shame. Boost them when they need your help— Make them yell instead of yelp. Boost them till they have to boost; Boost them up, or off the roost.

Some people seem busier than they are, and that is often very true in business matters. It is not the fussy, jump-around man that makes a success of business, but the man who calmly and shrewdly plans and acts, and that kind of man is quick to see the value of printers' ink in pushing his business.

Among the few things the European war is doing is a perceptible decrease in the marriage of American girls of wealth to impecunious European nobles.

The People's Forum

Christmas Cheer.

The subjoined poem is from the pen of Mary Louise Gilmore—a student in the Houston, Texas, high school, and the seventeen-year-old granddaughter of Prof. H. G. Gilmore of this city. The grandfater has given the words a musical setting and the entire composition—now in the hands of the publisher—will be ready for church and Sunday school use at Xmas. An affiliation such as this, between the first and third generations, is a rarity among the ninety odd million people in Uncle Sam's dominions, today.

Oh! Christmas time! Oh! Christmas time!

The best of all the year, When ev'ry bell peals forth a chime, And fills us full of cheer.

The Christmas tree is bright with light,

Which gladdens the heart of all; Children are singing with all their might

Through ev'ry court and hall; The wreaths shall be hung in bright array,

This glorious Christmastide, The hair of the old may be turning gray,

But the heart is still young, inside. Even the poor are rejoicing, are glad, Tho' no presents shall fill their abodes,

But part of the rich, seeing this, are made sad And depart with large bundles and loads.

There are turkeys and cranberries, puddings and things, And clothes for each small, little tot;

The heart of the mother with happiness sings, To think what has fallen her lot. Then to their large mansions the rich shall return,

Feeling happy and justly repaid, For the eyes of the wretched did kindle and burn

With the gladness the giving had made. Oh! Christmas time! Oh! Christmas time!

The best of all the year; — Let ev'ry bell ring out a chime, For ev'ry listening ear.

Let all the poor be happy, too, And charity the rich achieve, For has it not been said to you,

" 'Tis better to give than to receive? "

A Word of Commendation.

Palisade, Colo., Dec. 8, 1914. Editor Ashland Tidings, Ashland, Ore.

Dear Sir: In enclosing you check for a year's subscription to the Tidings I wish to express my appreciation of the publication. While it is by no means invariable that I agree with you, you have shown a real interest in the welfare of the people of Ashland and Oregon. You are not blindly partisan, are fearless and at the same time fair, are jealous and zealous for the real liberties of the people, aggressive and progressive for genuine development of latent resources, vitally interested in the moral welfare of the people, and continually laboring to impress your constituency with the suprelative importance of the proper home life—the ultimate foundation of all. The publication of inquirers' names should assist materially in building up Ashland. May the Tidings be a real blessing to your community for many years. Cordially yours, N. J. REASONER.

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Toys Toys Toys

This is Ashland's greatest Toy Store. While others had some difficulty in getting any toys at all, we had no trouble. Our shelves are loaded with them. A greater variety than ever.

Dolls by the thousands.

Games and Books in great variety.

No matter what others charge, our price is not over 15c.

Kohagen's 5, 10 and 15c Store

These are piping days for the small boy and also for the small girl, for no sooner has Thanksgiving gone than Christmas looms in sight with all its promise of gifts and good things to eat.

J. B. Ware's Candidacy.

Citizens of Ashland:

I have accepted the nomination, by petition, for the office of City Recorder.

J. B. WARE.

Ashland, December 7, 1914.

(Paid Adv.)

Fifty cents invested in a Tidings "For Sale" ad often sells a \$5,000 property. Did you ever try it?

SHOP EARLY

What Shall I Give ?

This great big question answered easily, fully and quickly at this store.

The one perplexing question that racks the brain of most every Christmas gift giver at this time is what shall I give. The question seems to get up with you in the morning and go to bed with you at night.

You don't want to slight Uncle or Aunt, you won't slight Father or Mother, then there's Grandmother and Grandfather and you must get something for Brother or Sister. Then there are a few friends you must remember.

How to spread the glad Christmas joy to everyone seems to be your greatest trouble at this time.

Of course if your purse is filled to overflowing the expenditure of a few extra dollars don't worry you at all.

But there are many whose purse strings are limited and who have to figure closely so that no one will be slighted on Christmas day. It is to those this store offers its service.

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