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CHARITY AND CONSISTENCY.

"Don't kick a man when he's down," is an old saying and if humanity lived up to what this homely old saw teaches the world would be the better for it. The trouble is we do not. We are charitable while dealing with our friends, or when it is policy for us to be charitable. Charity that springs from policy is damnable.

At present there is in this city a case in point—two cases, in fact, that furnish a parallel for the assertions of the above paragraph. E. P. Greffoz was our friend, and had been for years, but it is nevertheless a fact that he was guilty of appropriating to his own use, while in office, money that was not his. For this we are very sorry; sorry that his needs were so pressing as to tempt him to wrong doing; sorry, indeed, that our friend should have such dire trouble; doubly grieved that one so universally trusted should forfeit the confidence of all. That he is to be pitied there are none to gainsay. Beyond doubt his mental suffering was great while wrestling with the temptation. All the pity he has received since his sudden departure he has undoubtedly earned many times over. Much, in fact, the major part of this pity is sincere, but one may not look long to find evidences of pity for policy's sake.

We pride ourselves on being a humane, a just people. Are we always so? When policy does not figure we are—mayhap. When policy enters into the matter justice in its strictest form is a matter of—well, doubt. Take, for example, the cases of E. P. Greffoz and Jacob Blumberg—bear in mind that we are judging neither, as we are not their keeper, but are going to point out some inconsistencies and the matter of charity from policy. The offense of the former was far in excess of that of the latter.

Yet, we hear (and it is all right) pity for Mr. Greffoz, but in certain quarters we find those who pity Mr. Greffoz, hounding Mr. Blumberg. Is this charity? Is this justice in its fullest sense? Mr. Blumberg may have done wrong, perhaps he did, but we hear no one pitying him in his offense. On the other hand, we find some who profess pity for Mr. Greffoz, after Mr. Blumberg unrelentingly and drawing all possible attention to his offense. While we pity both in their offenses, we condone neither. Justice requires that all be treated alike according to their offense, and pity for policy's sake, fore-sworn.

IS IT WORTH WHILE?

Recent disasters would indicate that the submarine boat is a doubtful quantity. They are hazardous to the crews and whether of any efficient service is still an open question. There has always been a desire to build and employ them and probably there always will be this desire. There will always be found men to man them and take chances on drowning like a rat in a hole.

The submarine boat is almost as much a matter of speculation as is the airship. Without your wings are abnormally developed it is wiser that you shun a voyage in the latter. Just so with the submarine—when you are assured that you possess both lungs and gills you can safely give one a trial. Only recently one of these boats went down and despite heroic efforts the crew perished.

However, like many things in

life, there are those who persist in the struggle towards perfection regardless of the fact that they may be monkeying with a buzz saw. But is it worth while?

As Reported Abroad.

In Tuesday's Telegram appears a dispatch from this city bearing on the Greffoz case. So far as we are informed, the report to the Telegram seems about correct. It is as follows:

The auditing committee of the City Council has about completed the work of expediting the books of Police Judge Greffoz, who left Corvallis several weeks ago and whose present whereabouts is unknown. The shortage so far ascertained will amount to something over \$2,000, and will be made good by his relatives. All the deficit so far found has been in collections made on sewer assessments many of which were withheld by Judge Greffoz and not turned over to the City Treasurer.

Owing to the peculiar conditions under which these assessments were levied and collected, it is doubtful if Mr. Greffoz's bondsmen are liable for the shortage, or even if he is criminally liable. For some years past it has been the custom for the City Council to pay the contractor for the construction of the lateral sewers, and then collect from the property-owners along the line of the sewers a pro rata assessment, all of which is contrary to charter authority and consequently illegal. Mr. Greffoz had no authority to receive or receipt for such money in his official capacity and he does not deny having received it as a private citizen. He and his relatives stand willing to make good the shortage so far as they are able, and it is doubtful if any charges will be preferred against him.

Mr. Greffoz has always been considered a man of unquestioned integrity and the report of a shortage in his accounts could hardly be believed by his many friends in this city. He is a man of steady habits, a jeweler by trade, and a Corvallis boy born and raised. His business affairs have been in bad shape for some time, and he has had considerable difficulty in satisfying his creditors, and it is supposed that his shortage was used to satisfy his private debts. He has been for some time a sufferer from chronic nervous headache, and has for that reason been unfit to attend to business of any kind.

One On James

Not long ago, James L. Lewis, one of our hustling real estate dealers, attempted to sell a well-known gentleman 100 very fine hens. When James is in earnest he is eloquent. On this occasion his enthusiasm over his hens knew no bounds and he manfully asserted that the 100 hens in question could easily lay ten dozens eggs a day.

The old gentleman did not buy the hens on the spot, but went home to think the matter over. After pondering the question, the old gentleman decided that 100 hens that could lay ten dozen, or 120 eggs, per day were no ordinary hens by any means.

He told his story to a certain man among us who has the chicken habit and the story finally came to Bob Johnson's ears. Now Bob poses as a friend of James, so he went to Mr. Lewis and suggested that he must have made a mistake. James considered but an instant, his face bore a smile as he replied, "certainly I made a mistake. I meant nine dozen, of course."

She Tried Five Doctors.

Mrs. Frances L. Sales, of Missouri Valley, Ia., writes: "I have been afflicted with kidney trouble five years; had severe pains in my back and a frequent desire to urinate. When riding I experienced much pain over the region of the kidneys. I tried five physicians without benefit and then concluded to try Foley's Kidney Cure. After taking three \$1 bottles I was completely cured." Sold by Graham & Wortham.

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J. E. WINEGAR.

Died Saturday.

Word reached Corvallis a few days ago of the death of Mrs. Seits at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Howard, near Prineville. Mrs. Howard has resided in this city during the past five years on account of the advantages offered for schooling the children, although each summer they would return to their Crook county home.

On the first of this month Mr. and Mrs. Howard followed their usual custom and crossed the mountains to Crook county. Mrs. Seits accompanied them. Shortly afterward she was stricken with plevnisy, later, according to report, blood poisoning set in and she expired last Saturday. Her illness was brief, but she suffered intensely.

Mrs. Seits was a widow and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. W. Howard and Mrs. Smith. The home of the latter is in Prineville. The deceased lady made her home with her daughters, residing for a period with each in turn. No news came to this city as to when or where interment was to be made. Mrs. Seits during her residence in this city made many sincere friends who will be grieved to hear of her sudden death.

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