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### WHO IS INCONSISTENT?

An amusing attempt at sarcasm intended as applicable to a LEADER editorial appeared in the last issue of our esteemed contemporary, one brilliant effort being the reference to the LEADER as a "rigid religious organ" surprise being expressed that we should "overflow with such fulsome praise of a carnival." In the first place the LEADER is a free, and independent, general newspaper, the columns of which are open to the public for discussions, publication of news and advertisements not of an indecent or objectionable nature, and like other newspapers of this class, we must often accept paid for matter for its columns which are not endorsed by the management, but being a fair, reliable and impartial conveyor of the news, the LEADER submits to its readers passing news events without prejudice, leaving the moral or religious aspect of the matter entirely out of it. This is the manner in which we treated the recent carnival—not from a religious or moral standpoint, but from a purely unbiased, impartial news standpoint, neither endorsing nor condemning it.

Naturally a paper without any fixed policy, or claim to impartiality, and prejudiced in the matter of submitting general news to the public, cannot endorse our attitude, and therefore would feign express surprise at seeing even a paid-for circus advertisement in our columns, but in accepting such matter we are only fulfilling the mission of a general newspaper to the public, reserving our editorial page for matters of personal opinion.

In one column, Mr. Bede says, speaking of a member of the library board, meaning himself, "he visited the various carnival shows, but seen nothing objectionable and had not heard a single complaint against the carnival from a moral standpoint." In another column he says: "Very few favorable comments were heard for the quality of the performances, with the exception of the free acts."

### REPLY TO MAYOR ABRAMS

If his honor, the mayor, could read plain English and correctly interpret it, he would refrain from rushing into print and making himself ridiculous in the eyes of his constituents and the public generally. His latest whine is concerning a telegraphic dispatch from Salem, which was published recently in the columns of the LEADER simply as a matter of news and which our worthy Mayor seems to mistake for an editorial utterance of the LEADER ex-editor or someone else. We reprint the dispatch verbatim.

"Salem, Or., May 10.—The Sells-Floto Show will not appear here on Memorial day, through action taken by Mayor Lachmund today. He refused to sign their license because he was imperturbed by the G. A. R., W. R. C. and Ministerial Association of Salem to refuse the license. Consequently arrangements were made for the circus to show here a day later."

This dispatch was reproduced without comment by the LEADER, but following it under a separate head was a brief review of the action of the Cottage Grove city council in granting a Memorial Sunday license to the Sells-Floto circus. The mayor seems to assume the attitude that he is infallible, that "the mayor can do no wrong" as it were. However, he is a public official and as such he and his official actions are subject to criticism. In this late debateable action of the city council in which he figures, little or nothing would have been said regarding the matter had the mayor

proven himself as frank, fair and courteous as did almost every member of the city council. However, he on the other hand, assumed a defiant, arrogant and sarcastic attitude, which has subjected him to all this adverse criticism, and rushing into print has not had a tendency to discourage this criticism.

In his comment in the last issue of the Sentinel regarding this Salem dispatch he unreasonably and unfairly credits it to the LEADER editor whom he accuses of falsifying and being actuated by malicious motives in a matter in which we do not figure in the least, other than the reproduction of the news dispatch in our columns. He further lays himself and the city council open to more criticism when he says: "The circus did not apply for a license on Memorial Sunday, the 26th, but did apply for a license on Decoration Day May 30th, and was very properly turned down at Salem, as they would have been by the Cottage Grove council for a license to show on the same date." Herein the mayor practically admits that he has more regard for Thursday than he has for the Sabbath, the Memorial significance and observances being about equally sacred on these two days in question. We doubt however, if a single Cottage Grove Councilman shares this view with the mayor.

In conclusion we want to give his honor a little fatherly advice and remind him of the old adage, "Be sure you are right then go ahead," before accusing any one of being actuated by malicious motives and of being untruthful. His honor should come down from his lofty perch, admit that he has made a mistake, and resolve to do better in the future, when we will all have compassion upon him, and give him our encouragement and support in his somewhat non-remunerative and thankless office.

The Oregon State Fair premium list is out for the fifty-first annual exhibit and program of the State Board of Agriculture. The date set for the fair this season is Sept. 2nd to 7th. Cash premiums on live stock, agricultural and manufactured products in the sum of \$18,000 are offered and the best speed program ever arranged for the state fair grounds race course has been prepared. There will also be better music, more and better free attractions and numerous shows and concessions. In fact, the state fair this season will eclipse all former events of the kind held at the state fair grounds at Salem. South Lane should have a creditable exhibit at the state fair. If interested write to secretary Frank Meredith, Salem, for a copy of this premium list.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company is out with a beautiful 64 paged booklet on "Walnut Growing in Oregon." It contains many fine illustrations, is printed on a good quality of paper and contains much valuable information on the planting and care of walnut orchards. One full page picture is that of a 17-year old English walnut tree in the dooryard of John and Alex Cooley near Cottage Grove, John Cooley standing at the base of the tree and his picture being readily recognized. This booklet can be had for the asking.

Brother Bede makes the startling announcement that a resident of this city is "under the weather." If not too impertinent, will he please inform us how the unfortunate person fell in this precarious position? Was he or she severely crushed or bruised? And who, if any one, succeeded in extricating the party from the perilous position thereby preventing a life being crushed out.

Don't wager too much of your hard earned money upon the election claims of the rival campaign managers—they have been known to make mistakes in their figures.

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While at Eugene lately we heard the following good joke on our esteemed townsman, Atty. Medley. Court was in session and trouble was experienced in securing a satisfactory jury. "Is there any reason why you could not pass impartially on the evidence for or against the prisoner?" asked the judge of the prospective juror. "Yes, the very looks of that man there makes me think he is guilty," was the reply. "Why, that man there is not the prisoner, that is counsel for the plaintiff, Attorney Medley," said the judge.

Portland has its Rose Festival; Pendleton its Round-ups; Roseburg its Strawberry Festival; Albany the Apple Fair; Astoria the Regatta; Florence its Rhododendron Carnival; Salem its Cherry Fair; Eugene is full of Prunes and Cottage Grove has its Sweet Pea Show, but why not make this the "Dahlia City"—these flowers are peculiarly adapted to this locality; they grow to perfection here.

"What is it children," asked the Sunday school teacher, "that binds us together and makes us better than we are by nature? Who can tell?" A little girl's hand shot up. "Yes Ellen, can you tell?" "Yes ma'am, corsets?"

We met an old friend the other day who exclaimed: "I see you are early of late; you used to be behind before, now you are first at last."

If you don't intend to marry the girl, young man, keep away and give a more serious man a chance.

"If your competitor talks about you put him on your pay roll." Come over and get your pay check, Brother Bede.

The latest song is "Two prunes Got Stewed." It must have been composed in the Sentinel office.

There is no fun in a cemetery. Give us our flowers now.

Many a man who says he loves peace is really afraid to fight.

### The Demons of the Swamp

are mosquitos. As they sting the put deadly malaria germs in the blood. Then follow the chills and the fires of fever. The appetite flies and the strength fails; also malaria often paves the way for deadly typhoid. But Electric Bitters kill and cast out the malaria germs from the blood; give you a fine appetite and renew your strength. "After long suffering," wrote Wm. Fretwell, of Lucama, N. C., "three bottles drove all the malaria from my system, and I've had good health ever since." Best for all stomach, liver and kidney ills. 50cts. at All Druggists.

Hohl & Arnold have opened up a paint shop in connection with their blacksmith shop and any one wishing their carriage or buggy painted should call and consult these gentlemen before placing their order elsewhere.

### Celebrated Birthday Anniversary

On Thursday of last week our esteemed townsman and pioneer tinsorial artist, Jas. Ostrander, was 62 years young, and the occasion was celebrated with a smoker and banquet given by Mr. Ostrander in McQueen's hall. There was nearly 100 invited guests, all gents, a "stag party" as it were, and there was a grand good social time, needless to say. Ed Willson presided over the the culinary department, while Tom Parker and Billie Brund served the "pink tea." At the close of the big feed, C. W. Wallace was chosen as toastmaster and toasts to the health and long life of the genial host were given by Mayor Abrams, Judge Medley, Winn Bennett, Col. Blair, W. C. Conner on behalf of the LEADER and Jack Grant on behalf of the Sentinel.

In a very jovial and appropriate little speech C. W. Wallace, on behalf of the guests, presented Mr. Ostrander with an appropriate gift as a token of the esteem in which he is held after his 16 years residence in this community, the gift being a beautiful Elks emblem gold ring. Following the speech making came the smoker and games and much social good cheer prevailed. The LEADER wishes Mr. Ostrander many happy returns of the day.

### Industry Which Meets Merited Success

How many manufacturing plants in the United States were able to keep busy 98 1/2 per cent of the time during the past year? Not very many, when you consider the general condition of inactivity that has overcast the business world.

Yet, such is the record of the Fisher Flouring Mills Company of Seattle, which completed its first year of actual operations on April 11, 1912. The plant was kept busy night and day during the entire twelve months, turning out flour to supply the demands created for it. The brief time of shut down (1-2 per cent) grew out of the necessity to make a few minor repairs and readjustments.

This remarkable showing is not due to any particular good fortune attending the Fisher Flouring Mills, because there were other established and competing concerns in the same line that did not fare so well. It simply proves one thing—that the business is here and can be developed if intelligently gone after. It should prove an inspiration to persons intending to take up manufacturing, in the Pacific Northwest.

On June 1, the Fisher Flouring Mills Company will celebrate its first anniversary, with appropriate ceremony. It was on that date one year ago, that the plant was first opened to the public and the initial flour supplied to the retail trade for sale.

City Marshal Frank Snodgrass, of Cottage Grove, was in the city last Wednesday between trains gloating over Roosevelt's success in Ohio.—Register.

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