

Independence Enterprise.

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DR. BROUGHER ON GOSSIP

Independence is so abundantly supplied with scandalmongers of the lowest order it is fitting that the sermon of Dr. Brougher be printed in this paper. There is little hope of its benefitting these low order of organisms; indeed, it is likely to incite them to greater violence. This sermon was delivered last week at the White Temple in the city of Portland from the text: "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

These scandalmongers of both sex in Independence are so well known residents of the city that even tho they cannot take the sermon home to themselves it will be gratifying to high-minded citizens that in pursuing their calling of evil they serve only to magnify the nobler virtues in them they would seek to ruin. The object of persistent scandal is usually and with few exceptions a member of the very best citizenship, men and women who try to accomplish things of noble end.

Scandalmongers, like all low order of organisms, breed rapidly. Many erstwhile good citizens fall into the deplorable habit from intercourse with tittle-tattle peddlers. Better turn a deaf ear to their peddlings and avoid contamination. Noble-minded men and women are insulted from an attempted audience sought by a scandalmonger.

"The ninth commandment requires loyalty to the truth and is intended to protect a good name and reputation from the base slanders of lying men and women. It is the law of truthfulness and justice. The bible is full of scathing denunciations of those who break it. The Psalmist says: 'The throats of liars are an open sepulcher. With their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips. Their mouth is full of cunning and bitterness. Desolation and misery are in their way.' There is no denying the fact that the tongue may become a terrible power for evil.

While gossip is usually petty it is by no means insignificant, for there is no character so low and contemptible as that person who destroys the reputation of another and rejoices in the awful havoc wrought. Let us notice some of the characteristics of this hydra-headed monster.

No person of great intellectual ability would spend his or her time in that "abominable tittle tattle" which seeks only to ruin the reputation of another. The man who mends the crack in a pitcher is worth a hundred times as much to the world as one who simply spends his time pointing it out. It takes brains combined with real manhood and womanhood to establish a worthy reputation, but it takes no brains at all to destroy it. The less brains, the less character, the less heart, the less soul a man or woman has the more will he or she be a contemptible gossip.

His prejudice never lets him see the noble traits of character in the object of his contempt but he can see every little mistake and magnify it a hundred fold. He can see the mote in the other fellow's eye but he can't see any of the good and beautiful things. I care not how great or how good a man may be, for Jesus Christ himself did not escape the prejudice that kept his enemies from seeing anything worthy of commendation in his character. The enemies of Jesus saw nothing good in him. They lied about him; they slandered him, and finally crucified him. We need not expect to receive any better treatment from prejudice today than Jesus Christ did.

The things that we love to talk about are things that we love. Jesus said, "Out of the heart are the issues of life." People cannot repeat scandal continually without revealing their own corrupt nature. To enjoy talking about the faults and weaknesses of others shows our own innate depravity. Nothing is more disgusting. It makes me think of a lot of flies gathered around a putrefying sore. There they are—buzzing around that sore spot, irritating and poisoning it, but doing nothing to heal it. Nobody who is not corrupt at heart would love to talk about the sins and gloat over the faults of others.

It makes one smile to hear a piece of coal say to the sun, "You have got a spot on you." Here is an old gossip slandering the character of nearly everybody and ruining reputations and in the eyes of God such a gossip is worse than a thief, an adulterer or a murderer. Before the judgment bar of God I would rather be the one gossiped about than the one who had done the gossiping. Jealousy, envy, spite and hatred

are usually at the bottom of most of the lying gossip. What a contemptible, devilish disposition that is which is willing to seek to boost itself by pulling down others.

I never saw a regular gossip yet that would not impugn the motives of others. To hear her talk you would think she could read the minds and motives of others and know exactly how they acted. You would think she had X-ray eyes. She can tell you what takes place behind walls and curtains and insinuate the most diabolical things without having any reason for it whatever except her own corrupt imagination and the consciousness that if she were in that sort of a place she would be doing what she imputes to others. If a man or a woman asserts that certain things are taking place when they have no foundation for it whatever, it is simply a revelation of their own corrupt imagination. It is only the vulgar and the vicious who can assert that there was wrong in things of which they know nothing whatever. To twist circumstances for the purpose of asserting wrongdoing but advertise one's own indecency and vulgarity."

GREATEST POLK COUNTY PAPER

The Enterprise is perhaps the only weekly newspaper in the state of Oregon which will print the president's message and which will give as much space to the document as the Enterprise has. This will call attention to the fact that the Enterprise is printing as much news matter as any other two papers in Polk county combined. Our news service is all local and most all of it pertains to Polk county. Nothing but live news. Many of the readers of the Enterprise are coming to our office to congratulate us on the paper we are publishing. The editor is grateful to them for their encouragement.

The Enterprise has a record of more than two hundred and fifty new entries on the subscription list. Just recently this office has been compelled to buy additional mailing galleys in which to take care of the growing list of subscribers. Every old mailing galley in the house has been filled and the names squeezed closer together until we were forced to buy additional galleys for the long list of names. The circulation is the largest of any paper ever published in Independence, and is only just beginning to grow. From this time on it will be interesting to watch the Enterprise grow.

PROSPECTS LOOK BRIGHTER

There is little doubt of the success of the union high school. There are some people in Independence who are opposed to the project, but there are so many who are in favor of it that there seems little excuse at this time for failure to procure so important an institution. It means so much to the development of this immediate section that to pass it up from sheer neglect to comprehend its great educational advantage would prove a disaster we can ill afford to allow. It would be difficult to work the matter up to the promise that it gives now at any time in the future. It is easily within grasping distance today.

If there are members on the committee who are opposed to the school it is expedient to call another meeting and have men placed on the committee who are favorable to the project. The school must be established unless someone can show good and sufficient reasons why it should not be. The columns of this paper are open to discussion of the matter from anyone who has well-founded opinions to publish.

Beware of Frequent Colds.

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you may avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended. Mrs. M. White of Butler, Tenn., says, "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Someone told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." For sale by P. M. Kirkland.

PUBLIC SCHOOL RAISES FLAG

Bought with Funds Raised From Jubilee Entertainment.

The public school raised their new 14-foot flag Wednesday afternoon of last week. All the pupils marched out keeping step to the music of the piano played by Leona Sperling. Although the day was quite chilly they remained in orderly lines while the following program was given: Song, by seven seventh grade girls; Recitation, Barbara Fritchie; Vale Hiltbrand; Speech, Hon. B. F. Jones; Salute to the flag by each grade sep-

arately. While the boys and girls sang America, led by Mrs. Conkey, "Old Glory" was raised slowly to the top of the flag pole by Madge Groves. The flag was bought with the money obtained from the jubilee entertainment held under their auspices a few weeks ago and there still remaining about \$18 for library books.

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lected the following officers for the new year on Friday evening:

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